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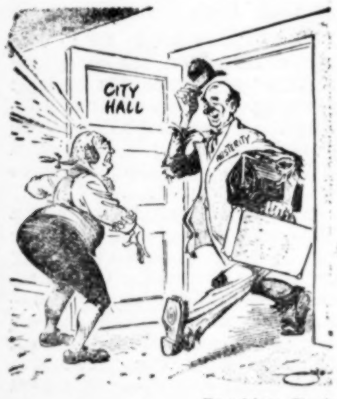
Angry protest rises against budget fraud

By Elmer Bendiner

SOME time between April 7-17 New Yorkers will get their chance to talk out on the city budget which threatens to drive patients out of hospital beds too early, children of working mothers out of day-care centers, jam other children into already overcrowded classrooms, subway riders into trains already too full, too dirty, too slow; raise taxes on top of rent boosts.

Mayor Impellitteri must produce the budget by Apr. 7; public hearings must be held by Apr. 17. Last week working on the budget in his Municipal Bldg. retreat, the Mayor tried to fend off the storm by refusing to reveal the precise date of the hearing. American Labor Party exec. secy. Arthur Schutzer wired him that "thousands of New Yorkers" want to get their licks in, concluded:

"To keep the people guessing as to the date is to thwart the right of the people to be heard with full effectiveness on these vital issues. Let's have the date now, Mr. Mayor."



Brooklyn Eagle

"I've come for dinner!"

ASORTED LULUS: The Mayor emerged briefly from his retreat, but only to campaign against City Council Pres. Rudolph Halley (formidable rival in the mayoralty race) whom he denounced for "selling lulus to the people." His own lulus awaited complete unveiling this week.

For 4 years the ALP had pointed the way out: reassess big real estate holdings. Last week both the Mayor and Halley announced that Mar. 15 was the deadline for increasing assessments; since the opportunity apparently had passed, it seemed safe to speak well of the dead.

Schutzer denied that the Mar. 15 deadline cut off all hopes of tapping the big landlords, insisted emergency legislative action could still make possible the needed revenue.

'The agony remains'

New Yorkers stirred on several fronts. Over-all there was a general premonition of a colossal fraud. A "man-on-the-strap" survey by the N. Y. **Post** turned up this 3-1 response summed up by Grace MacMullen, photographer, of 125 Riverside Drive:

"The public has been asked to pay fare rises before, and the agony, the crowding and the filth and the smells remain. I think there is some mismanagement somewhere."

Transit workers and straphangers were on the same side. At IRT shops at 147th St. and Lenox Av. and bus shops at 74 Fanchon Pl., B'klyn, workers stretched their lunch hours by 20-30 minutes for shop-gate meetings. Matthew Guinan, pres. of Local 100 CIO Transport Workers Union, rushed to the 147th St. shop, excitedly uarged the men "to keep your heads." He referred to "a wave of unrest," then said: "We want no wildcat walkouts." The 500 workers who gathered there chorused back: "Strike, strike, strike."

Rank-and-file demonstrations broke out, seemingly without TWU official knowledge, in at least 7 other transit centers. TWU pres. Michael Quill, fresh from a Mexican vacation, who has talked strike on many occasions, this time said: "Either we make a decision soon or the rank and file will make it for us."

STOPPAGE POSSIBLE: Plans repeatedly mentioned by both

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AFTER THE RAINS CAME SPRING

A scene on almost any sidewalk of New York

INSIDE

What China's offer of peace will do to U. S. policy.

A thought-provoking analysis of what's behind the war drive

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Columbia fires Dr. Weltfish, denies politics is involved

SPEAKING at the University of Puerto Rico on Mar. 12, Dr. Grayson L. Kirk, who succeeded Dwight Eisenhower as president of Columbia University, summed up his ideas on witch-hunts: A teacher's refusal to testify in an investigation "will inevitably reflect adversely on himself and the institution." Nevertheless Dr. Kirk opposed any summary dismissals. He said:

"It is the responsibility of the university carefully to examine his case, giving the opportunity to establish his right to continue to enjoy his university association."

Last week Columbia announced that Dr. Gene Weltfish would be dropped from the faculty in June as a lecturer. Dr. Weltfish, distinguished anthropologist, shocked by the germ-warfare charges against U. S., had called for a full airing of the charges. When she was called before the McCarran Senate Internal Security subcommittee she had refused to discuss her politics, stood on the Fifth Amendment. She is vice-chairman of the Women's Intl. Democratic Fedn., has also been president of the Congress of American Women.

NO CHARGES: There were no charges against Dr. Weltfish. Columbia insisted its action against her had nothing to do with politics or her refusal to testify. The university's announcement said it was "a matter of academic procedure," a policy known as "up or out," under which teachers too long in grade without promotions are let go. Some 30 others might go too, the school said.

Dr. Duncan W. Strong, head of the anthropology dept.,

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DR. GENE WELTFISH

The dodge was artful

THE BATTLE OF CITY HALL—AND BEHIND IT

Three men with three plans, and each with the ambition to be Mayor of New York, sit in armed truce at a Board of Estimate meeting. L. to r.: Council President Rudolph Halley, Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, Controller Lazarus Joseph.

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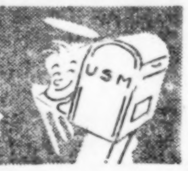

The weed lost out

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

To insure a good night's sleep I'm enclosing all that a poor Brooklyn College student can muster. Some people chew gum when they stop smoking. With me, it was the weed or the GUARDIAN. I chose the latter because it is infinitely better for my T-Zone, to say nothing of The Grey Matter.

Susan Gonich

One publishing house

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

The best way to solve the publishing problem of all the liberal, progressive writers in America is to unite together and form a united, cooperative publishing house and divide the work according to experience, competence and natural vocation. To do that it is necessary to unite all the progressive writers. After that is done, they in turn can appeal to all the left-wing and progressive unions throughout the country; to all the progressive mutual benefit societies; the progressive members of the Newspaper Guild; the Natl. Council of the Arts, Sciences & Professions; to all the left-wing parties. . .

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It's wonderful

RICHMOND HILL, N. Y.

Enclosed please find $5 for renewal of your paper and a contribution. I congratulate you on the new edition. It's wonderful! By all means keep up the good work and wish you lots of success.

Charles Silver

Our "standards"

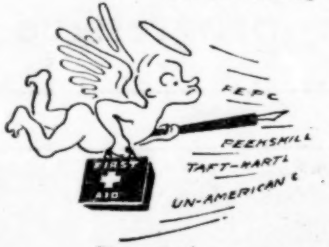
LINDEN, N. J.

Your second issue of the N.Y. Edition was even better than the first. To an old **PM-Compass** reader and expatriate New Yorker, this comes as a breath of clean Gotham air.

Particularly liked article on talk by psychotherapist Charles W. Collins. My experience affirms that the witch-hunt against progressives today has caused some of us (including myself) to fall into the trap of "mistaking the enemy" and being over-critical of friends who do not measure up to "our standards" in meeting the attacks of the witch-hunters. Thus we lose valuable allies who can contribute to the fight against fascism.

Could we hear more on this matter from Mr. Collins and others?

Lester Goldberg



Pee-yoo!

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

I think the following New Yorker-type gimmick would go well in the New York Edition of the GUARDIAN.

This is the lead sentence of a one paragraph story in the **Times**, Sat., Mar. 28, page 32.

OPEN SEASON ON
SKUNKS VETOED

ALBANY, Mar. 27 (AP) — Gov. Dewey vetoed without comment today a bill that would have lifted all restrictions on hunting or trapping skunks until Dec. 31, 1953.

What're you afraid of Governor?

Stan Isaacs

Off the deep end?

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Enclosed is my $2 for another year of one of the best in newspapers. Every once in a while you do get a little off the track, though. In the New York Edition for March 30, on p. 2, there is a picture of little children being examined for camps. I think the caption, "The Last One Is A Stinker" is most inappropriate for the shot.

Jane Somers

The caption actually read: "The last one IN is a stinker." It is the old swimming hole cry that stuck in the caption writer's memory. That's what spring does to some people. Sorry if it seemed offensive. Ed.

Best testimonial

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The new edition of the GUARDIAN is excellent. I consider it a privilege to support a fighting paper like this and so am joining the Buck-of-the-Month sustaining fund.

S. D. Crowley

Ryan ordered to end shapeup on waterfront

WHEN New York's waterfront scandals were aired last year before the N. Y. State Crime Commission, witnesses told of the rackets, kickbacks, terror, pilferage (steel was "pilfered" by the ton). Part of the system, universally denounced, was the shape-up which puts the longshoreman at the mercy of a hiring boss. Never sure of a day's work unless they play ball with dock bosses, longshoremen line up before each shift, are chosen for the day's work as in a slave market, are screentd not for market, are screened not for their compliance.

AFL leaders meeting in Miami during the winter expressed shock (though the story was an old one), ordered a house-cleaning Last week AFL Pres. George Meany conferred with the exec. council of the AFL International Longshoremen's Assn.; the meeting was described as "lively." Later, council pres.-for-life Joseph P. Ryan announced that with the signing of new contracts with shipowners effective next Oct. 1, the shape-up will be abolished.

GOOD OLD JOE: The council took two other steps: voted unshaken confidence in "King Joe," abolished the ILA **Journal** whose advertising went chiefly to Ryan's "anti-communism fund." (That fund reportedly has been used to pay for Ryan's Cadillac and a recent trip to Guatemala.)

What would replace the shape-up is not yet clear. Hiring halls vary. The N. Y. Shipping Assn. suggests one financed and run by employers which would be an annex to a company personnel office. Ryan favors a hiring hall that would do little more than take the shape-up off the piers and inside a building.

WESTERN MODEL: The Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union on the west coast has run a model system of union-operated hiring halls, working on well-defined rules, guaranteeing each member a fair year's work without depending on the hiring boss' favor. Last week, ILA atty. Louis Waldman called the west coast system "notorious."

Of Ryan's own "reform" plan the N. Y. **Times** (3/12) said editorially: ". . . We see nothing in it that would remove control of the local unions and of employment from the tenacious grip of many of those now in command. Unfortunately, mobsters, racketeers and ex-convicts are in too many of the union's lucrative posts in the Port of New York. Their removal from these key jobs is a fundamental and basic necessity before any plan, good, bad or indifferent, can be offered with any hope of real success. We reject the idea that the corrupt elements now in the ascendancy in so many ILA locals will voluntarily allow any proposal, even if adopted, to work if it would deprive them of their large incomes."

PLEASE CLEAN UP: The **Times** called on shipping and stevedoring companies to help clean up the port while admitting that they "have done little except either to play ball with the racketeering elements or to encourage them. . . ."

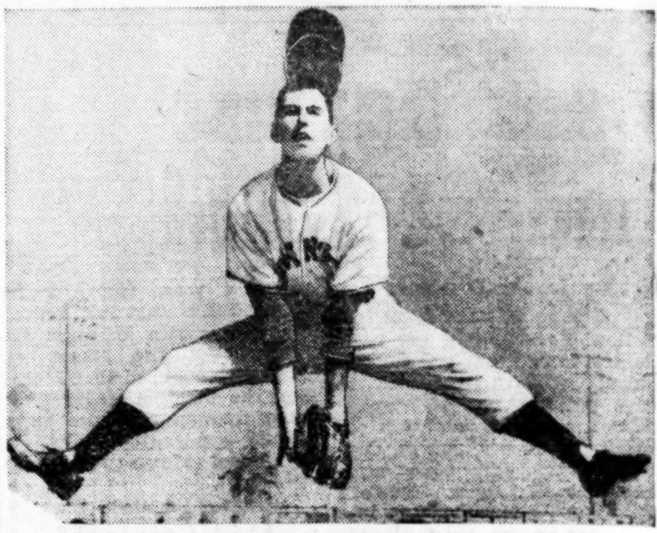
The ALP, agreeing that a change in hiring systems alone would clean up nothing so long as the racketeering remained, asked the State Crime Commission to prosecute known gangsters on the waterfront, their allies in the union and among the employers. It called for a special grand jury to handle such cases and fortify amendments te the state anti-discrimination statutes. Negro longshoremen have been jim-crowed to certain piers, worked hardest, fleeced most.

BETTER LAY OFF: New York's waterfront is item No. 1 on the agenda of the special legislative session set for May. Current clean-up efforts are designed to take the sting off future probes.

ILA officials, though, were not banking on housecleaning alone. Through atty. Waldman they warned a week ago that politicians, in self-protection, had better not make waterfront rackets a campaign issue.

The "dear Joe" letter from Gov. Dewey (GUARDIAN, 3/30) was a sample of their artillery. May is only 5 months away from November.

GEORGE MEANY
The order was "Clean up"



DUROCHER'S DILEMMA: WHERE WILL HE PLAY?
As the baseball season opens April 13, the New York Giants' manager is wondering what infield position he'll give to Daryl Spencer, brilliant rookie (above).

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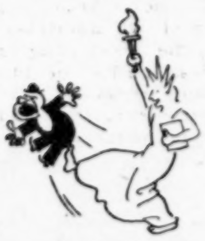
Fight stiffens on tenants' oath law

TENANTS who refuse to sign loyalty oaths in order to live in federal housing projects won a temporary victory last week when N.J. Superior Court Judge Freund issued an injunction restraining eviction of James Kutcher, his father, Hyman; and Harry L. Lawrence, all residents of Newark's low-rent Seth Boyden Terrace project, who refused to sign oaths. Kutcher is the legless veteran whose dismissal five years ago from the Newark Veterans Administration for membership in the Socialist Workers Party is still being contested.



A similar injunction issued in February by Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson restraining evictions by the New York City Housing Authority remains in effect.

CHALLENGED LAW: Tenant's oaths in projects built with federal aid are required under terms of an amendment tacked on by Ralph W. Gwinn (R-N.Y.) to an appropriations bill last year. Tenants are required to swear they do not belong to any organization on the Attorney General's list.

The Intl. Workers Order and Williamsburg Tenants Assn., are contesting the law as unconstitutional, in violation of due process provisions of the Fifth Amendment. The case is based on two Supreme Court rulings: the illegality of the Oklahoma loyalty oath for state employes and an earlier ruling that inclusion of the IWO on the list violates due process.

The American Civil Liberties Union is handling the New Jersey case, based on the Oklahoma decision, and charging that the Gwinn oath violates due process, is an ex post facto law, and constitutes a bill of attainder. ACLU said the bill "lays down a rule of conclusive guilt established by mere association without even any requirement that the member of the organization have knowledge of the alleged subversive purposes of the organization." A N. J. ruling is expected soon.

OATHS FOR HOMES? U. S. District Court Judge Sylvester Ryan on Feb. 3 said the oath act had "all the earmarks of a reprehensible bill of attainder." But since the N. Y. housing authorities are under state jurisdiction the case must be decided in state courts.

On April 1 the IWO and Mrs. Rebecca Peters for the Williamsburg tenants will ask a further injunction on constitutional grounds. The court's ruling would then cut to the heart of the problem: Do you have to sign an oath to have a home?

But not too hard

Carpenter Rudolph Hendrickson, 2953 Ocean Pkwy., B'klyn, last week came before Magistrate Ludwig Glowa complaining:

"I don't know what to do. I haven't paid any rent since last December."

He can't find his landlady, Mrs. Sarah Friedman. The judge told him to look hard for her. He seemed worried.

Columbia fires Gene Weltfish

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however shed light on Dr. Weltfish's failure to rise in the school since 1936. He said: "I've done my darndest to get Gene a promotion for a long time, but if you can't get it, what can you do?"

Though Dr. Weltfish holds a lecturer's rating, theoretically part-time, she has been teaching a full program of 13 hours a week on African colonial problems, the African people and pre-historic Europe.

SPLENDID RECORD: Her record made absurd the implications of lack of ability. Graduated from Barnard in 1925, she worked among the Indians in the West from 1928 to 1935, published two monographs on the Pawnees, served on the staff of the **Journal of American Folklore**, collaborated with the late Prof. Ruth Benedict on the world-famous pamphlet **Races of Mankind** (unpopular with white supremacists), took her doctorate at Columbia.

Though the school held to its line that politics had no part in the dismissal, the city's newspapers played the story otherwise: **World-Telegram and Sun:** "COLUMBIA TO DROP DR. WELTFISH, TIED TO COMIE FRONTS." **Times:** "COLUMBIA IS DROPPING DR. WELTFISH, LEFTIST." **Daily News:** "COLUMBIA TAGS OUT LADY PROF ON RED BALK."

Atty. insists on jury in police brutality trial

LAST Aug. 8 police beat up Jacob Jackson, 31-year-old Negro truck driver of 433 W. 55th St., Man. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, underwent two brain operations, then along with his wife Genevieve faced charges of assaulting policemen. When the NAACP took the case to the FBI it exploded a national scandal, the "states-rights" deal by which N.Y. police reserved the right exclusively to investigate charges of brutality against themselves.

Last week Edward Jacko, NAACP atty. representing the Jacksons in Special Sessions Court, argued for adjournment of the case agains his clients, referring to the "political character" of the court and "prejudicial atmosphere." His affidavit said:

"The paramount issue is not whether the arresting officer was assaulted by the defendant but whether the Police Dept. and other outspoken city officials will be backed up by the city criminal court in this whole charge of police 'cover-up' in brutality cases so loudly proclaimed to exist in N.Y."

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

From his bed in St. Clare's Hospital Jacob Jackson tells his story to Edward Jacko, NAACP attorney, while Mrs. Genevieve Jackson looks on.

$100,000 DAMAGE SUIT: Because the "political character" of the Special Sessions Court made it "amenable . . . to pressure that would very likely prejudice the atmosphere of a fair trial in an otherwise objective tribunal," Jacko said a jury trial was essential. It was "very important to the Police Dept." that Jackson "be convicted on the assault charge," he argued, for such a conviction would "strongly influence" the outcome of "various investigations now in process."

Judge Matthew J. Troy adjourned the case to April 20. The Jacksons have counter-attacked with a $100,000 damage suit against the city.

MORE VIOLENCE: Run-of-the-mill police brutality continued in the city with here and there a vigorous judicial set-back. Anthony Sikorski, 68, of 109-09 Liverpool St., Jamaica, frail grandfather of 10, was brought before Queens Felony Magistrate Peter M. Horn charged with assaulting two policemen. His story: On Jan. 2 he saw two cops beating a drunk. Police called him over, ripped off his glasses, clubbed him. He was taken to Mary Immaculate Hospital where 9 stitches had to be taken in his scalp; he was treated for other bruises and cuts.

The policemen involved, Patr. Joseph M. Graney (since retired) and Paul Collins, charged that Sikorski had said to them: "Why don't you leave this guy [the drunk] alone?" In the ensuing struggle, they said, Sikorski bit Patr. Graney on the third finger of his left hand.

After a 2-hour conference in his chambers Magistrate Horn dismissed the charge against Sikorski, ordered the cops charged with assault and said he would bring the case before the grand jury.

Cop candidate gets purged, then vindicated

THE State Supreme Court last month ordered N.Y. City to restore Jervey C. Hamilton, 26, Negro navy veteran of 1048 Clay Av., Bronx, to the police eligible list from which he was removed for signing a petition in 1949 to elect Benj. J. Davis Jr. to City Council. Justice Samuel Hofstader said Hamilton had been deprived of his constitutional rights and branded with the "badge of infamy" through "guilty association." The city announced it would contest Justice Hofstader's findings before the four-judge Appellate Division.

Hamilton passed all competitive and physical examinations for patrolman, but was put through an "ordeal of inquisition," according to his attorney, Bruce Mc.M. Wright, 516 5th Av., when he appeared without counsel before Acting Civil Service Commissioner Paul P. Brennan.

Hamilton denied he had ever been a Communist, said he had signed the Davis petition when "very young" and "didn't realize" its significance. He said he had never joined a demand to free the 11 convicted Communist leaders but admitted signing a petition in behalf of Willie McGee, Negro then under death sentence in Mississippi for "rape."

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3 million $ pump revealed as lemon

WHILE Mayor and Governor called on New Yorkers to tighten belts, dollars continued to flow down the drain. In Queens last week a grand jury handed down indictments against 9 and a corporation for defrauding the city with faulty sewers. Also in last week's news were two fresh instances of rooking so routine that similar items might be found any week.

Commissioner Dominick F. Paduano, Dept. of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, said last week that he and his engineers during the water shortage in 1949 protested to Gov. Dewey the city did not need a pumping station to supply the city with river water. The $3,000,000 station was built nevertheless at Chelsea, 55 miles up the hudson.

IT'S GETTING CROWDED DOWN HERE !

"We've never taken a gallon of water with the pumping station and never will," Paduano said. The project has drained off $70,000 every year.

Unused electric power has swallowed most of it. The rest goes for maintenance personnel. The Commissioner said the city had to agree to buy a stipulated amount of power each year before upstate utility companies would set up the power machinery and run electricity into the station. Worse still, according to Paduano, the city must pay for dismantling the station when the Delaware Water System is ready in a year or so.

$20,000 DAWDLE: Taxpayers dropped another $20,000 last week in some real estate juggling at Oceana St. and 47th Av., Bayside, Queens, where the Dept. of Education had planned to put up Junior High School 158. The city bought almost all the needed site, delayed in the purchase of two last parcels of land valued at $30,500. While the city dawdled the owners built two houses on the property which raised the valuation to $50,000, will cost the city more to demolish the houses.

B'klyn workers charge Navy 'runaway'

In Brooklyn some 800 clothing workers, most of them skilled tailors over their 50's, last week accused the U.S. Navy of running away to sweatshop conditions in the South. April 30 is the date set for closing down the Navy depot at 3d Av. and 29th St., B'klyn, which has been making navy wear since 1917. Workers are to leave when their current loads are finished.

The workers, most of whom are members of the Navy Lodge, AFL American Fed. of Govt. Employes, staged a "Don't Close the Depot" rally last week in P.S. 172, 4th Av. and 29th St., B'klyn. Archie McVicker, the union's natl. representative, said the Navy was in flight to the "unconscionable sweat-shoppers in Southern Dixiecrat areas."

Some of the tailors talked of a cooperative to take over if the Navy shoves off.

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'Mirror' settles Marcantonio libel

THE N.Y. **Daily Mirror**, during the 1946 primary and election campaigns, tried to link ALP's Vito Marcantonio to criminals, narcotics peddlers and other underworld elements in his 18th C.D.

Marcantonio sued for libel and last week won a $1,500 settlement. After State Sup. Ct. Justice James P. O'Malley heard the **Mirror's** defense he reportedly advised the paper to settle. Making good his 1946 campaign promise, Marcantonio promptly announced he would give the money, less legal fees, to settlement houses in the 18th.

VITO MARCANTONIO
It goes for the kids

Tycoons call for total sacrifice to keep the 'pipelines' stuffed

TOP businessmen last week completed the first week of basic training at the Hotel Astor. A 6-colonel team of experts is holding daily classes on total mobilization for businessmen as part of the program of the Industrial College of the Armed Services.

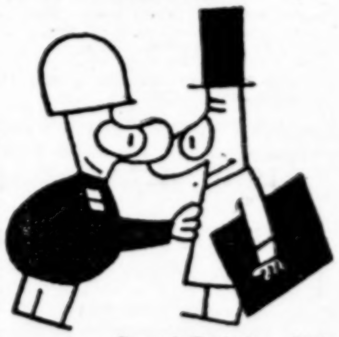
Calling for total sacrifice, the colonels told the industrialists that if total mobilization comes, "the federal government must find its top men from the ranks of industry. . . . World War II may seem like a Sunday School picnic. Military pipelines must be kept filled."

JUMPY BRASS: Col. James E. Reilly, U.S. Air Force, told of how he had struggled to keep abreast of Soviet news developments, was quoted by newspaper reports as saying: "If Malenkov does anything more I'm going to jump out of the window." **Daily Worker** reporter Virginia Gardner asked what Malenkov could have done or might yet do to provoke such an act. The Col. said all he meant was that changing charts all the time gave him a headache: "Then after I got everything again, the jackass comes out with another announcement."

A reporter asked: "What jackass?" "Malenkov," said the Col. Referring to the window threat he added: "It just goes to show you should be careful about what you say."

ATOMIC PLAY: While the colonels lectured, Civil Defense officials reported that Ward's Island had been theoretically blasted by an atom bomb and high-explosive and incendiary missiles, resulting in 4,650 deaths, 9,000 injuries. St. Vincent's Hospital, 7th Av. and 11th St., Man., smoothly handled all simulated casualties. The devastating raid halted real traffic for 30 minutes in some areas.

Invisible but not kidding was a cloud hanging over the city as a result of the recent real atomic explosion in Nevada. The cloud dissolved in radioactive rain during the week. Atomic Energy laboratories said the radiation in the city's atmosphere increased 700% but was still below danger point.



Canard Enchaine, Paris

"Yes, but the Russians are way behind in making stink bombs."

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Protest rises against budget

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the Mayor and the Halley "opposition" at City Hall call for elimination of elevated and bus lines which parallel subway systems; it could mean the loss of 3,200 to 8,700 jobs, speed-up, curbs on promotions and overdue wage raises.

While Quill took to TV to declare the loss of one job would bring down a city-wide stoppage, and to forecast foretastes of that stoppage in mass demonstrations during work hours, the TWU exec. committee told the Mayor in telegrams that union officers were already empowered "to take any and all action necessary to meet this threat of layoffs which hangs over the heads of the transit workers."

After the Mayor refused to see union officers, Quill said Impellitteri had "gone underground. He's hiding behind a book." (Shots of the Mayor peering from behind a ledger book cropped up in all city papers.) Later the Mayor agreed to see the union delegation.

'A deal made'—Quill

Quill, who a few months ago indicated no interest in the fare as long as transit pay was attended to, last week sensed the growing popular fight against the whole budgetary package. In a radio interview, he came out flatly for a 10c fare and state subsidies to make up the deficit.

Concerning the Impellitteri-Dewey by-play, Quill said: "I believe that Mayor Impellitteri never intended to fight Gov. Dewey for a fair return of taxes. I believe there was a financial deal made. Gov. Dewey said, 'You get elected, Mr. Impellitteri, and somewhere we'll juggle it around so we can raise the fare.' And that's exactly what's going to happen."

NOOSED CITY:—Other city workers rallied too. The Civil Service Chief ran a full-page ad by Uniformed Sanitationmen's Assn., City Employes Union, (both affiliated with the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters), Uniformed Firemen's Assn., all AFL. The ad said:

"Gov. Dewey has thrown a noose around the neck of New York City. To avoid being strangled the Bd. of Estimate has transferred the noose to the necks of city employes. The Dewey 'soak the poor' tax and the Bd. of Estimate's 'soak the city employe' program spell slow strangulation for every city worker."

The unions estimated each member's loss at $391 a year from proposed budget cuts. They called instead for $700 yearly raise, 40-hr. week, improved pension plan; scheduled a City Hall demonstration between Apr. 7-17, a rally at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St., Apr. 8, urged city workers: "Don't be sitting ducks. Start moving."

MOBILIZATION: The AFL American Fedn. of State, County and Municipal Employes called lunch-hour rallies for this week, urged workers to arrange now for one-day leaves to attend the Bd. of Estimate public hearings.

The Teachers Union called on all city teachers to join a united demonstration at City Hall during the open hearing to see that schools are not "short-changed"; its statements hit equally at Gov. Dewey's "straight-jacketing," the Mayor's "capitulation."

MOTHERS ALARMED: Working mothers throughout the city also felt their jobs threatened. If proposed budget slashes close down the day-care centers they may have to choose between their jobs and their children. The Day Care Council of N. Y. C. called together 150 directors and board members of day-care centers at the Young Men's Hebrew Assn., 92nd St. and Lexington Av. They resolved:

"We will fight with every means in our power and will continue to enlist the support of all citizens in this work to the end that a total day-care program be continued."

Mrs. Rudolph Guggenheimer, chairman of the Day Care Council, gave this economy statistic: "If all the families in which the mother is the main support were to go on public assistance it would probably cost the taxpayers $10,000,000." (City's contribution to the day care program: $3,775,000.)

Guardian photo by Lisabeth

A delegation representing the B'klyn Council for Social Planning, B'klyn Kindergarten Soc., N. Y. Jewish Child Care Soc., won from B'klyn Borough Pres. Cashmore his promise to "do everything possible" to save the centers.

People are eager

The ALP mobilized throughout the city. At its regular monthly state conference at Stuyvesant Casino, 142 2d Av., it launched a petition drive, seeking 100,000 signatures to a program calling for: no transit authority; no fare rise; improvement instead of cuts in city services; raising money from big real estate.

Some ALP clubs had already jumped the gun, were gathering signatures to similar petitions, reported people eager to sign, few disturbed by ALP sponsorship.

IS IT LEGAL? On the legal front, taxpayer Pauline Salzman, 64 Clifford Pl., Bronx, filed suit in the State Supreme Court to test the constitutionality of the transit authority legislation; show-cause papers were served on the Mayor and Bd. of Estimate. The Mayor went ahead on the theory that it was all legal.

Into the already turbulent situation stepped (or leaped) Bernarr Macfadden, 85, self-consciously vigorous health culturist, who announced his candidacy for the mayoralty on no particular party.

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- *GET THE MONEY OUR CITY NEEDS BY PROPER ASSESSMENTS ON BIG COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.*

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Something's leaking in this old town

THE city's financial chaos and the coming Nov. elections were the setting for last week's neatly-timed report from the Mayor's Committee on Managment Survey headed by Controller Lazarus Joseph, a mayoralty hopeful.

The committee found the city government "shockingly wasteful," guilty of "systematic neglect of maintenance." Specifically it found that faulty water pipes underground leak 150,000,000 gallons a day (⅔ of what the proposed Cannonsville Dam will supply at a cost of $140,000,000); run-down schools need $30,000,000 for rehabilitation; subways should get $60,000,000 now to repair worn-out equipment, $10,000,000 a year for the next 39 years to replace old rolling stock, $325,000,000 to modernize the power system; the fire dept. should get $1,763,000 for modernization within the next 2 years; run-down hospitals need unspecified millions more.

Conn. won't extradite chain-gang escapee

IN the summer of 1948 Joseph Vergano, then 21, entered an abandoned house at Brodnax, Va., and stole some food. He was arrested, sentenced to 8 years. After 4½ years on Virginia chain gangs he escaped, headed home to West Hartford, Conn.

Last Dec. 24 he turned himself in to Connecticut state troopers, asked for asylum. Va.'s Gov. Battle asked Conn.'s Gov. Lodge to extradite Vergano. Joseph's brother, Lelio, pleaded to Lodge that "three more years on that chain gang would have killed him."

Gov. Lodge heard other family pleas, then in an unprecedented move neither granted nor denied extradition but "filed it for future reference." Vergano was freed on 2-year probation.

Marc, DuBois on TV in FDR memorial

The ALP called on its state-wide membership to honor FDR's memory at a mass meeting, Apr. 13, 8:30 p.m., Dasokol Hall, 525 E. 72nd St. Speakers: Vito Marcantonio, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. Those who can't make the meeting are organizing listening parties: beginning at 9:30 p.m. The program will be telecast over WABD Channel 5.

Mass eviction of vets due Sept. 30 under new bill

EX-MARINE George Lenard sat in his wheel chair in his specially-fitted apartment at Manhattan Beach last week and said:

"I don't know where to go. I never heard of a paraplegic apartment outside the state veteran projects."

Those projects are doomed under a bill passed by the Legislature and signed last week by Gov. Dewey ordering the eviction of thousands of tenants of veterans' projects by Sept. 30. Within the city 1,200 veterans' families will be affected; throughout the state thousands more. The converted barracks at Manhattan Beach alone house 539 families.

"UNSUITABLE": For 7 years the Manhattan Beach project was well kept by the state; rents were reasonable (4 rooms for $48, light and gas included); rooms were large; playspace adequate; buildings solid. The Governor, giving his reasons for the mass evictions, said the projects were becoming "increasingly unsuitable and unsafe." Manhattan Beach project residents disagreed, called it "a wonderful place for children," said that the U. S. Maritime Service apparently thought similar buildings "across the fence" okay for use. State Housing Commissioner Herman T. Stichman had tried for months to get the vets out. Many had yielded to the pressure, but until Dewey signed the eviction bill Stichman lacked power to force them out.

VETERAN'S HOUSING

Last week Stichman said all dispossessed vets would have "priority" in housing, but the vets and Democratic representatives from the area showed that in the housing shortage that still grips the city few will find apartments comparable in size or facilities at twice or three times the rent.

FAMILIES WILL FIGHT: Vets and their families not covered by the state's action were threatened from other sources. Shanks Village, a veterans' community in Orangeburg, N.Y. under federal control, faced destruction. (Next week the GUARDIAN will cover the town's fight for survival.)

At East Meadow, L.I., at least 12 wives of Air Force fliers faced eviction under a clause which provides that when Mitchell Field personnel are transferred (in this case to Korea) their families must go too. Mrs. James N. Errico, 169 Av. C, East Meadow, said the 12 would fight the evictions in court and added:

"It is unfair to send our husbands overseas and then kick us out."

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WAR & PEACE

China's peace move offers supreme opportunity to halt bankrupt U.S. policy

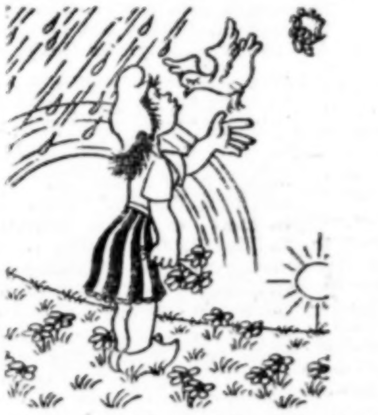
By Tabitha Petran

CHINA's proposal to end the Korean War hit Washington at a time when the mounting bankruptcy of its policy was already forcing it into a desperate re-evaluation of military and economic strategy.

The Administration, according to the Alsops (3/29), was suffering "a severe case of political indecision." They defined the basic issue as the size of the arms budget—the Administration being unable to resolve its proclaimed "sound money," budget-balancing policies with its ambitious world aims. "The grave decision," they said, would not be final for another month.

IT DOESN'T WORK: Washington was caught in conflicting pressures as its policy of bankruptcy snowballed. Last week alone showed:

- The impossibility of even an attempted offensive "solution" in Korea without enormous casualties, politically unacceptable to the American people—especially now that a compromise has been offered on the one issue Washington said blocked a truce. (U.S. correspondents reported the heaviest U.S. casualties in months in fighting described as defensive but probably, the evidence indicated, the result of unsuccessful UN attacks as attempted last October.)



Effel in L'Humanite, Paris

- Lack of any solution to the maturing economic crisis, reflected in acid debate over the arms budget.
- The ineffectiveness of "liberation" in action—the only positive policy the U.S. has—demonstrated by the fiasco in Burma and exposure in UN of Washington's large-scale war of sabotage, terror and espionage against the socialist world.

A PEOPLE'S CLIMATE: In this frustration the pressures for extension of the bankrupt policies which produced it are tremendous: for a big kickup in the arms budget, a precondition of which, as the Alsops baldly said, is creation of "a different climate of opinion" (through something like another and bigger Korea).

But the very recognition of the need to create a "different climate" shows that the war leaders know the people can counter these pressures. In the re-evaluation of strategy forced by defeat, and in the climate generated by persistent socialist-world demand for peaceful coexistence, pressure from the people can force a return to sanity from the more-arms-spending road to bigger war.

The arms-budget debate and exposure in UN of the nature of the "liberation" policy show where the danger lies and the need for popular action now.

BUSINESS UNCERTAINTY: The economy has been kept going by ever larger doses of arms spending (not a simple arithmetic addition but a geometric

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A MOTHER WAITS FOR THE WORD OF NINE MEN

Mrs. Sophie Rosenberg, mother of Julius Rosenberg, firm in her love and belief in her son and her daughter-in-law, awaits the decision of the Supreme Court on the petition for a review of the Rosenberg Case (see p. 4).

Chou offers compromise to end Korean war

HOPE for peace in Korea rose high throughout the world when, within 48 hours, the N. Koreans and Chinese:

- Accepted Gen. Mark Clark's proposal for immediate exchange of sick and wounded POW's, believing this should "lead to smooth settlement of the entire question" of POW repatriation;
- Without "relinquishing the [Geneva convention] principle of POW repatriation" after a cease-fire, proposed a resumption of armistice negotiations in which

> . . . both parties should undertake to repatriate, immediately after cessation of hostilities, all those POW's in their custody who insist on repatriation . . . [and that] those of our side who, under intimidation and oppression of the other side, are . . . afraid to return home, be handed over to a neutral state; that explanations be given to them by the parties concerned, thus ensuring that the question of their repatriation will be justly settled and will not obstruct . . . an armistice in Korea.

"FEVERISH ATTENTION": The **Wall St. Journal's** Ray Cromley reported that the proposals—originating from Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, and resembling India's proposal last Nov. before it was amended—

> . . . got feverish attention in secret conferences all day at the State Dept., the Pentagon and the White House on how the U.S. should go about taking advantage of it. . . . Red China's Mao Tse-tung . . . won't get the U.S. off his neck just by agreeing to a fair truce in Korea. . . . The U.S. is not willing to give up its other pressures . . . specifically, the U.S. would keep troops in Korea and Japan, [keep] tightening the economic embargo against the Red Chinese . . . arming Chiang Kai-shek's . . . forces on Formosa and native armies in Indo-China.

The U.S. "would give assurance it would not invade Red China," said Cromley, if Mao would agree not to support the Vietnamese or Malayans in their anti-colonial fight nor "to invade Formosa or Siam or Burma." The article, probably a fair sample of Washington thinking, held to the theory that China had committed "aggression" by defending its own frontier with Korea; that similar "aggression" on its other frontiers, and material aid to friendly governments bordering China, were impermissible.

MILLIONS CHEER: "Stocks and commodities declined sharply . . . on the latest peace overtures" (**WSJ, 3/31**). But London found Chou's proposal "encouraging"; Canada's Lester Pearson, UN Gen. Assembly president,

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WE SHALL SPEAK UP NOW!

The March issue of The Packinghouse Worker, organ of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (CIO), features this editorial covering its whole front page in heavy type.

To the editors of the GUARDIAN, this call to resistance is a heartening token of the revival in the leadership of America's great labor movement of the sense of its responsibility to the working millions whom it leads. It is also a call to common sense and positive action to the tens of millions of New Deal Americans in every walk of life whose own action is largely paralyzed as long as the great labor organizations are paralyzed.

We present the Packinghouse Worker editorial in full is one of the unmistakable signs that the tide is turning in America.

WHAT's behind the witch hunts, the growing domination of military power over our civilian government?

Who are the men taking over the top jobs in our government? What interests do they represent; what is their stand in the struggle between special interests and the general welfare?

These are questions that must be considered by working people today. A look at the first fruits of the Eisenhower administration clearly shows that the military clique has lined up with the big business boys to usher in a new era of reaction.

They plan to do nothing to end the tragic waste of human life in Korea, but instead, they are preparing the way for a bigger war on more fronts.

Their blueprint calls for a divided and weakened labor movement that will not fight back nor voice any resistance.

CONFUSION, distrust and fear are their tools. They have swamped the newspapers, flooded the air waves with lurid stories of investigations, mysterious agents and evil doing in high places.

Our schools, social institutions, labor unions and even churches are under attack. Let anyone protest or be so bold as to speak in defense of free thought and democratic action, then they will feel the lash of the merchants of hate.

Men of courage and conviction are driven from their jobs, scorned in the public press. The privacy of their homes is invaded and their friends harassed.

The documents of our free nation are also under attack. History books are being rewritten and the liberties guaranteed under the Constitution are ground under the heel of reaction.

A new type of germ warfare is going on in this nation. It's a creeping disease that strikes at the minds of men and paralyzes their actions. The droppers of this type of bomb are the men who want to drive Americans into subservience to the wishes of the military and war profiteers.

THIS is the challenge facing labor today. The men and women who work for their wages, their unions and union leaders must speak up now or lose their franchise as free citizens.

The United Packinghouse Workers are aware of these dangers. We intend to have our say about the affairs of our nation. We shall point out the enemies of the people and expose them so that the people can act.

It is to do this task that the UPWA called a conference of its staff and officers to examine the forces that seek to destroy the free labor movement.

We shall not submit ourselves to silence of fear, for not to speak or act now is to default on our responsibilities.

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Letter to Ethel

NANCY, FRANCE

Over 600 women of Lorraine meeting here on Intl. Women's Day (Mar. 8) approved a message to American women urging them to press their government for a cease-fire in Korea, for ratification of the international agreement against germ warfare and a Big Five peace pact. We also approved a special resolution addressed to Ethel Rosenberg:

"Dear Ethel, your example of nobility and strength is an inspiration for all the women of France, whose hearts are torn by the thought of the brutes with faces like men who would separate you from your children and their tender embraces. You, their loved and loving mother, would rather die than leave to them a dishonored name; how well we understand you!

"With all our strength, as long as may be necessary, the women of Lorraine promise you to fight to the end that Eisenhower shall heed the unanimous will of all the peoples who want to save you and your comrade—and so that Michael and Robbie shall soon run to welcome you and that all four of you shall resume a happy life." **H. Dode**

From Israel

MISHMAR HALMAK, ISRAEL

I have written the President as follows:

"There is a gesture you as President can make at this time when the U.S. is in grave danger of disgrace all around the world. You can reverse the sentence on the Rosenbergs which does not rest on sufficient truthful evidence or on a fair trial; and so save American law from debasement.

"I am the daughter of the late founder and president of a leading American woman's college and have lived on four continents."

Elizabeth Goucher Chapman

Salt of the Earth

BAYARD, N. M.

I am sending you a contribution of $9. I do hope that it helps out some. I wish that it was more but any little helps.

Your paper is doing a very good job, especially here in the Southwest where we live, although I wish that more people would read it. It sure helps in a place like Bayard. The main thing is that the GUARDIAN tells the truth and that's the thing that the bosses don't like. I know this for a fact. Take for instance the attacks that we have been going through here in Bayard on account of the movie that we just finished making. They have blasted us with every thing that they can think of. But labor must continue to progress no matter what comes up. The best of luck. **Juan Chacon**

P. S.: I am the fellow that plays the leading part in our movie Salt of the Earth.

How crazy can you get dept.

BOSTON, Mar. 21 (UP). — House Speaker Joseph W. Martin charged today that "the left wing" deliberately tried to burden the nation with taxes to destroy "the American system as we know it."

Looking back on a "fantastic twenty-year era of tax-and-tax and spend-and-spend and elect-and-elect," the Massachusetts Republican said, "I think (historians) will find that taxation was being used as the chief weapon to destroy the American system as we know it."

—N. Y. Herald Tribune, Mar. 22.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner: Abraham I. Beacher, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Under the counter

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The atom-age Baron Munchausen who so loosely totes up the number of MIGs "shot down" in Korea and the number of Eastern Zone "refugees" in Germany undoubtedly uses a Geiger counter.

Hillary Vorcino

Is peace red?

RANSOMVILLE, N. C.

St. Paul said, "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good."

Gen. Van Fleet, according to NBC's world news (2/28), was offered a peace pamphlet by one of our good ladies. The General "saw red."

Now apparently, if the lady had offered the General a war pamphlet, urging us to march, at the expense of millions of human lives, all over Europe and Asia, the General would have smiled from ear to ear.

What is it that angers the General? Peace? **Vernon Ward**

From mothers of Norway

VADSO, NORWAY

Dear American mothers: We Norwegian women and mothers are anxious and troubled. With Eisenhower as your President—a general, and organizator of the Atlantic Pact—the threat of war has increased. We do not mean to interfere with the U.S.A.'s inner affairs, but we believe many of you voted for him because he promised you peace and that your sons and husbands were to come home from Korea. We ask you do do everything in your power to force him to keep his promises.

Another thing inquieting us strongly is Eisenhower's saying that he would "liberate" the peoples of Eastern Europe. Many of us have visited these countries or have had women from them visiting us, and we know they are constructing the good things we women wish: nursery gardens, houses, factories, all kinds of institutions for children and women, with equal pay for women and a better living standard every day. This "liberation," demolishing everything for which they have toiled on the ruins of the last war, would be a crime; it would also be a crime against us because our homes would be annihilated at the same time. To prevent this crime we turn to you to unite in a strong demand to your government to lead a policy which can make real peace.

Gudrun Eivindson,
(Chairman, Norwegian League of Housewives)

Mimi Sverdrup Lunden,
(Chairman, Norwegian Women's Democratic Federation)

Since 1919

NEW YORK, N. Y.

To Raymond Rector, of Muskogee, Okla., who writes in the Feb. 18 GUARDIAN that "now is the time for a socialist, anti-war, anti-capitalist, workingman's party," I'd like to say: There's been such a party in existence in the U. S. since 1919 and its name is the Communist Party. **Sara Stubbs**

As ye sew . . .

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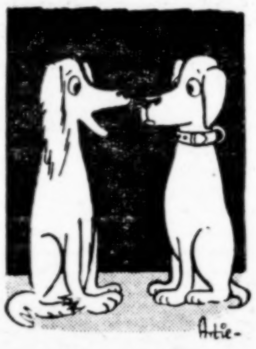

Artie in Daily Express, London

"A red setter I know was barred from New York under the McCarran Act."

Certainly is!

TUCKAHOE, N.Y.

I am enclosing $30 instead of the $2 I pledged—hope you don't object. Three of us invited some friends for coffee, and played the recordings of **Voices of Resistance.** The women found it a shot in the arm—and thanked us for letting them give $1 each to the GUARDIAN. There were 20 women—and one $10 contribution. It's an idea for others. **R. G.**

Well, General, which?

SEASIDE, CALIF.

Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure recently gave what is called the "General's Orientation" to men about to begin basic training. Among the gems he let slip (Feb. 14) were these: "Everything that happens, and a lot, incidentally, that doesn't happen," is reported here to the people by radio and newspaper; also "No one wants to start World War III, least of all the 'self-perpetuating groups of gangsters' in the Kremlin." In past speeches he has stated that communism is the worst threat humanity has ever faced, since "under fascism, at least there is hope for the individual."

Which individual?

Morton M. Shafer

On anti-Semitism

GARDENA, CALIF.

In the mail recently I received a typed statement from **The Nation** regarding anti-Semitism in the U. S. S. R. and its allies. In one of the recent GUARDIANs you gave an explanation. The fact that the people who were accused and purged were Jewish seems to people here in America (who don't know the facts that you printed) to mean that the U. S. S. R. is going against its constitution. I would be so happy if you could set the editors of **The Nation** right on this matter. I believe they are fair-minded. I hope you can persuade them to point out in their magazine the implications of our $100,000,000 to be used in Eastern Europe and U. S. S. R. to stir up counter-revolutions—the connection of our intelligence service with a few traitorous individuals in key positions who for personal profit will sell out their country.

I understand there are many Jews in high positions who are honored. So let's get it over to our friends that the fact of being Jewish has nothing to do with persons being charged with treason and being punished. They committed treasonable acts and were punished for these treasonable acts as citizens, not as Jews.

Louise F. Kellogg

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REPORT TO READERS

The Case of the High-Water Pants

AS THIS IS WRITTEN, smiling April is gently but firmly nudging blustery March off the nearby park bench—and the GUARDIAN is facing Spring trying to figure out how to get through the shad-fly season in our high-water pants without spending all our time slapping our shinbones.

The high-water pants represent our present financial state—in which we feel covered reasonably beyond the point of embarrassment but with a truly uncomfortable gap between shoe-tops and shins. And since we can't very well shorten our legs, now that we're this big, we shall have to try to lengthen the pants.

WE STARTED MARCH with 912 pledges of $1-$10 a month (with the Buck-of-the-Month folks in the great majority). Of these, exactly 806 pledges were fulfilled, for a total of $1323. Of the remaining 10%, some have written us deferring their pledge payments until later on; others we know will still come in, tardy but breathless, demanding inclusion in the March total.

This week the April reminders went out, to an increased number of 1241 pledgers for a total of $2,034. This sum will cover about half the distance between shin and shoetop for April—the rent we shall have to scratch for until we hear from those of you who can make a pledge but haven't got around to it yet.

IF YOU'D LIKE to nibble your pencil a bit while you figure where you can best fit in on this program of lengthening our financial pants to cover the subject for 1953, here's how our present pledges run:

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—THE EDITORS

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Peter Langendorff
Rector Emeritus,
St. Paul's Church

The atomic desert

AURORA, UTAH

Dollars out here in this "Truman-Acheson" atom-bombed desert are about as hard to get hold of as captured "flying saucers." Who knows, we may be blown to smithereens. However, here is a dollar my creditors didn't know I had.

Glen Anderson

Mandel and McCarthy

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Friends who had to rely on the N. Y. Times and wire service stories have expressed surprise at the manner in which I seemed to have injected the Jewish question into my hearing before the McCarthy Committee March 24.

The fact is that there was specific anti-Semitic provocation at the hearing which caused me to act as I did. A previous witness that day had, when sworn in the previous day in executive session, given his name as Sol Auerbach, and his pen-name as James S. Allen. The public hearing, however, began with Sen. McCarthy informing him that he was still under oath, so there was no new swearing in. All questions were addressed to him as Mr. Allen.

Midway in the hearing, one of the Senators asked the witness to state his real name, which was, of course, already in the record, as the Senator was well aware. When the witness replied, without hesitation, "Sol Auerbach," the entire audience gasped in a manner which said, unmistakably: "That . . . , hiding behind an Anglo-Saxon name!" It was this incident which determined me to expose the Committee's anti-Semitism, and the renegacy of its counsel, who is Jewish. **William M. Mandel**

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Peace move bares bankrupt U.S. policy

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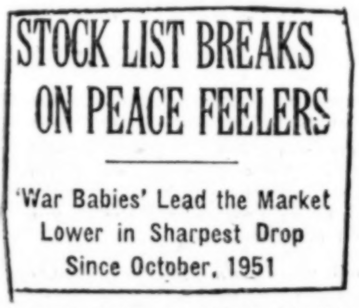
acceleration), as business freely admits. Defense Secy. Wilson's statements (3/20) that arms spending had been pegged at the January level and would level off reflected the budget-balancing approach—a policy (**Journal of Commerce**, 3/23) designed to

> . . . cushion any future business decline by slowing down the boom while this can be done under the umbrella of large defense expenditures, [admittedly running] the calculated risk [that] it might snowball into deflation.

But powerful business elements are unwilling to run the "calculated risk"—especially with signs mounting that this year's $10 billion increase was not enough. This was apparent in the "widespread repercussions in industrial and financial circles" (**J of C**, 3/25) to Wilson's statements. The Pentagon quickly denied Wilson promised any leveling-off or imposed any ceilings, said no decision had yet been reached. Then came a propaganda buildup for $20 billion for atomic defense, much press focus on "U.S. danger." And **Newsweek** (3/23) reported "a violent change in U.S. business thinking at the very loftiest levels," because "key" businessmen now

> . . . have a firm hunch that still another round of arms spending is going to be required.



STOCK LIST BREAKS ON PEACE FEELERS

'War Babies' Lead the Market Lower in Sharpest Drop Since October, 1951

New York Times, March 31, 1953

Current U. S. war policy is 'dirty' but failing

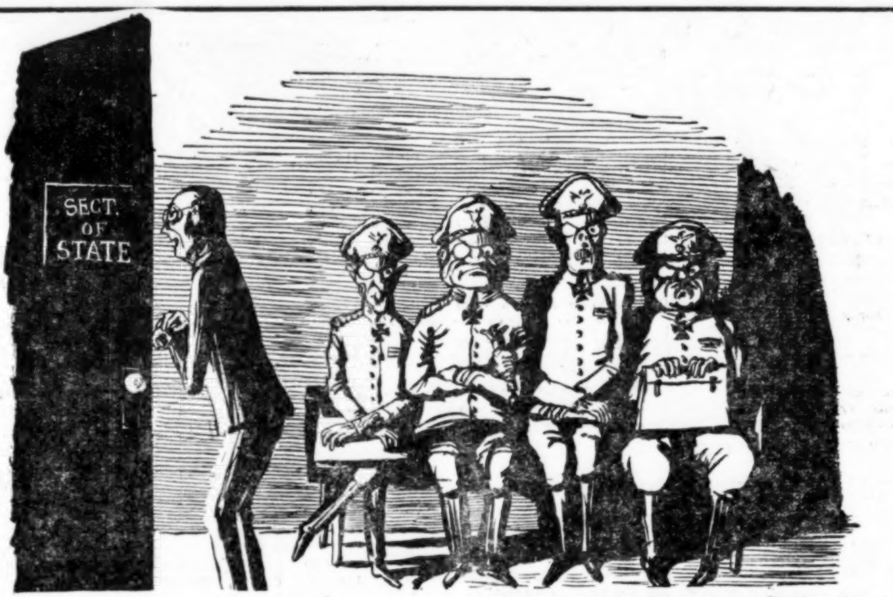
Meanwhile the psychological warriors are increasingly in control of U.S. policy as it collapses into their "dirty" type of war.

That this is where they look to extend the war policy was clear when Czechoslovakia asked the UN Assembly last month to condemn U.S. sabotage, terror and espionage as "acts of aggression," and to recommend repeal of 1951-52 Mutual Security Act provisions for $100 million to finance these activities. Socialist delegations presented a damning case, based on official U.S. sources, public records, trials of U.S. agents, etc. The U.S. press printed hardly a word of it. U.S. delegate Lodge said the case as "built on sand" because John F. Dulles, Harold Stassen, Thomas Dewey and various members of Congress whose "dirty war" admissions were quoted by the U.S.S.R.'s Gromyko were only "speaking as private citizens."

The Czech resolution was rejected 41 to 5 (with 14 abstentions: Argentina, Guatemala and the 12 Arab-Asian bloc nations); but few UN member governments were left in doubt about the facts.

THE LIBERATORS: "Liberation" is not new, but the unfolding of a policy that began during and after World War II with Western support of E. European fascists, organization of armed exile battalions, refusal to repatriate refugees, and continuing Lend-Lease to Britain to arm Polish Gen. Anders' 250,000-man army while cutting it off to the U.S.S.R.

It took shape as reactionary emigre leaders were welcomed here and emigre groups of unreconstructed fascists, monarchists and criminals were financed by big business, tied in with U.S. Intelligence. Then terrorist headquarters were set up in W. Germany to smuggle agents into E. Europe, their operations (which have included murder of local Czech officials) directed by short-wave, Voice of America, Radio Free Europe. Attempts were made to organize underground armies.



Drawing by Walter Iler

"Sir, the West German Freedom Committee to liberate Eastern Europe is here."

"HOW LITTLE THEY KNOW": This "dirty" war has been waged for a long time on a large scale; yet its failure is documented in Poland's Black Book of U.S. hostile acts dating back to 1944 (official circulation of which in UN was barred). The book's 250 pages of documents include a declaration by two commanders of the WIN underground outfit through which the U.S. tried to organize an army of 100,000 fifth columnists. They described in detail the alienation of WIN, of which they took command in 1948, from the people; the disappearance of its membership; their own slow recognition of its anti-Polish aims, and subsequent attempts to paralyze U.S. spy and terrorist activities. They said:

> "How great must have been the stupidity . . . of the American secret service . . . if they could consider the for a long time almost non-existent WIN organization as the most powerful 'underground' organization in Poland, and if Mr. Royall, Under-Secy. of the U.S. War Dept., could conduct long conversations with a 'representative' of this fictitious organization. How little they must know of what is happening in Poland if, at the request of 'Pol'-Sapieha [a U.S. army colonel], U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Bradley personally intervened in order to speed up the conclusion of an agreement with the long non-existent organization; if they could believe Marek's [head of WIN abroad] nonsense, that this almost extinct organization could place at their disposal 100,000 armed mercenaries."

After getting from their Washington bosses the "Plan Wulkan" (for cooperation with U.S. forces when war began) and $1,160,200 for recruiting fifth columnists, the two leaders turned the money and plan over to the Polish government. (When Poland's Katz-Suchy took the occasion of the UN debate to inform U.S. delegate Lodge that the money would be used for "peaceful reconstruction," many delegates—some are ex-intelligence agents—could not conceal their pleasure at U.S. discomfiture. A Middle Eastern delegate was overhead remarking to Katz-Suchy: "We could use a million dollars too. Do you think we could get the U.S. to do the same for us?")

PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE: The irresponsibles who are required to give no accounting to anyone are becoming dominant policy-makers in the absence of any rational or workable policy: men like CIA chief Allen Dulles and psychological warriors C. D. Jackson and William Jackson, super-advertising agents who practice a policy of "no holds barred, no questions asked" (C. D. Jackson, 2/22/51). Acting on "information" from the most discredited emigres, they are in a position to create incidents which can set off other Koreas. They consider one of their main jobs to be manipulation of American public opinion.

The current press campaign suggesting imminent revolt in Albania is an example of the type of operation the psychological warriors would like to pull off. Such incidents are just what powerful business groups, frightened by signs of maturing economic crisis, are looking for to keep the war boom going.

"THE TIME WILL COME": The UN debate clarified the alternatives: "liberation," whose goal is defined as "at least a considerable breakup of the Soviet imperial system" since "we are lost if our opponent so much as holds his own" (James Burnham, **This Week**, 2/8/53); or peaceful coexistence, which Andrei Gromyko told UN last week

> ". . . demands a policy of non-intervention. Nobody tries to tell the U.S. how to run the U.S. [U.S. statesmen] have to accept the fact that in this world there is a huge state building communism. If the American statesmen refuse to accept this and then make statements that they wish to settle international problems, it merely means they are engaging in double-talk.
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> ". . . The time will come when the governments of the nations defending the U.S. position here will look more and more to Moscow for aid and to be safe from war. They will look to Moscow for support in peaceful policies."

Chiang fiasco in Burma

Almost as he spoke, his prophecy began to be fulfilled; the bankruptcy of "liberation" in action was dramatized by a demand from Burma's anti-Communist government that UN condemn "aggression" of Nationalist Chinese forces in Burma "directed and supported by the government of Formosa." The Alsops (2/11/53) said that since fleeing China these forces have been supplied by air from Formosa "with the assistance of our Central Intelligence Agency," and in summer, 1951, "still with CIA assistance" attempted to invade Yunnan Province "with catastrophic results."

Last week the English-language **New Times of Burma**, accusing the U.S. government of continued complicity in equipping the Nationalist forces which have been plundering the Burma countryside, said:

> "No amount of denial from the Americans will make the Burmese people believe that the Kuomintang groups in Burma are growing in strength and power without the connivance and support of American military authorities whether from the Pentagon or Taipei (Formosa)."

Reuters (3/29) reported Burma government sources said "names of Americans colalborating with the Chinese in Burma had been given to the U.S. but that no action had been taken against them so far."

"PAINFUL DEFEAT": Burma—which has 750 miles of common frontier with China, and recognizes the Peking government—followed its complaint to UN with a note renouncing U.S. aid, clearly in protest against U.S. support of the Nationalists. It authorized private rubber shipments to China, while its Premier U Nu said his country "is determined to work out a program of economic assistance with the Soviet Union" (**N.Y. Times**, 3/28). Acknowledging that "American policy has suffered in Burma a painful defeat," the **N.Y. Herald Tribune's** Homer Bigart said (3/30) that Burma "will assign moral responsibility to the U.S." in its action before UN.

Nothing could throw sharper light than the Burma fiasco—with widespread repercussions certain throughout all the Far and Middle East—on the need, and opportunity, for the American people to take a hand to force peaceful solutions. The irresponsibles, unless checked, will not hesitate to plunge the world into war.

WILLIAM JACKSON
But don't ask questions

What you can do

From secy. C. B. Baldwin came this Progressive Party statement last week:

The proposal of Chinese Premier Chou En-lai to settle the prisoner-of-war issue, on terms almost identical with the Indian proposal approved by UN with the support of the U.S., should be acted on by President Eisenhower at once. Certainly no further blood should be shed in this horrible conflict. We urge that President Eisenhower immediately request Gen. Clark to propose that all fighting cease while the details of the armistice agreement are worked out.

As we enter this Easter-Passover season, no greater burden could be lifted from America nor greater joy brought to its homes than by the end of the Korean war. We urge all Americans, regardless of political belief, to urge President Eisenhower to act at once to make peace in Korea a reality.

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The GUARDIAN most earnestly endorses the proposal that every citizen within reach of our readership greet President Eisenhower—in the true spirit of this season of liberation, resurrection and hope—with a telegram, letter or postcard urging an immediate cease-fire and quick conclusion of an armistice agreement.

Won't YOU do this, and urge your neighbors and jobmates to do so too?

—THE EDITORS

Chou offers plan for Korean peace

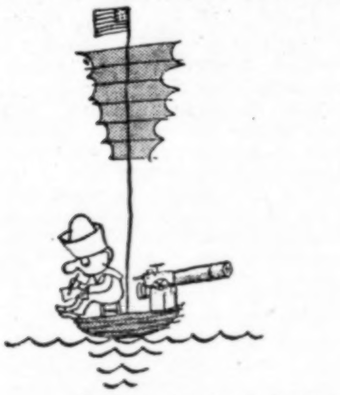
(Continued from Page 1)

found it "very important [and] . . . obviously should be followed up"; India's Krishna Menon—author of last year's POW resolution in UN—said it

> ". . . brings cheer to thousands of millions of people all over the world. . . . We must grasp this opportunity without any unnecessary delay."

The Vatican in its **Osservatore Romano** stressed the "essential humanity" of Chou's proposal, said the West had asked for peaceful "deeds, not words" and now had got them. The Formosa **China News** said the proposal and Burma's charge of aggression against Chiang (see Petran, p. 3) pointed toward a plot

> . . . to sabotage efforts to merge the Korea, Formosa and Indo-China war theaters into a single anti-Communist command . . . advocated by Chiang Kai-shek (**N. Y. Post,** 3/30).



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"Dear Ike—The only way to blockade China is in the movies."

There were moves to ease tension in W. Europe, too. In Berlin, British officials opened talks with Soviet Gen. Chuikov on ways to avoid further "air incidents" over Germany; as the talks began Chuikov, in a widely-discussed letter, reiterated Soviet desire for a peace treaty with a united Germany.

SMALL NATIONS STIFFEN: In UN, new efforts by less powerful nations to make the world organization again a weapon for conciliation rekindled the lights of peace. During a week which saw 14 nations abstain on a Czech resolution condemning U.S. "dirty war" in socialist countries (see Petran), the UN Commission on the Status of Women rebuked Washington for refusing visas to many who were accredited to attend UN sessions. Aroused by the barring of Mrs. Ray Lubbock of the Women's Intl. Democratic Fedn., the commission adopted by 14 to 1 (U.S.) a Polish resolution deploring this visa refusal; Chile, Cuba, Dominican Republic, France, Haiti, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Venezuela voted with the majority.

When the First Committee defeated a Soviet motion that UN should invite N. Korea and China to take part in the debate on germ-war charges, to make the investigation proposed by the U.S. "truly impartial," 15 nations voted for the proposal and five abstained. In the debate, U.S. delegate Ernest Gross said he had affidavits of total denial from all U.S. officers charged with knowledge of germ-warfare by the recently-captured Marine Air Corps Col. Schwable and Major Bley (GUARDIAN, 3/5). The U.S. press again failed to mention any of the names (Gens. Lamson-Scribner, Everest, Barcus, Jerome; Cols. Stage, Wendt, Clark) except Gen. Jerome's, as it blacked out the details of the charges.

LIE IS OUT: Attacks mounted swiftly upon U.S.-backed UN Secy.-Gen. Trygve Lie, whose staff witch-hunting prompted the **Nation** (3/7) to ask if he had "decided to abandon his Norwegian citizenship . . . and to join the McCarthy wing of the Republican Party." During debate on an Asian-African resolution calling for a halt to staff dismissals, France, Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, India, New Zealand, Byelorussia and even Norway—Lie's own country—criticized Lie's policy toward UN personnel. Oscar O. Gundersen, Norway's Minister of Justice (a post Lie once held), disagreeing with Lie's stand that U.S. Communists were ineligible for UN employment, said such exclusion "would violate the principle of freedom of expression."

UN employes hoped for more peace in the peace organization as the Security Council agreed unanimously (Formosa abstaining) upon Sweden's Minister of State Dag Hammerskjoeld as Lie's successor.

Reprieve to French 'corpse' runs out

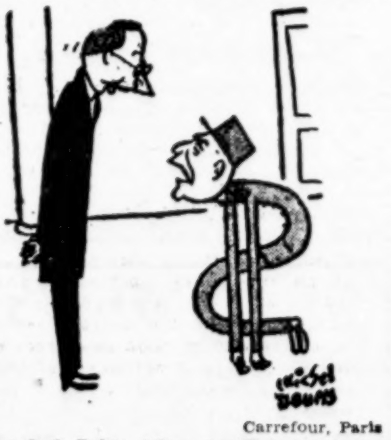
NOW homeward bound, French Premier Rene Mayer and his colleagues had received polite attention, much advice but no commitments from Washington. He had a promise of more U.S. aid (amount unspecified) in the Vietnam war—if France produced a convincing program of military victory and assured Eisenhower the Vietnamese were "identified with the French position." Washington "could not accept" the assertion that French control of the coal-rich Saar must be a precondition for French ratification of the European Defense treaty (**N. Y. Times,** 3/27).

A joint communique said the U.S. would consult France "on general problems as occasion demands in the future, as in the past." From Paris **NYT's** Harold Callender commented (3/29) that, since the French have complained of the U.S. not consulting them enough in the past,

> . . . it would be interesting to have a close-up snapshot of MM Mayer and Bidault when they read the words "as in the past."

In France, **Tribune des Nations** editor Andre Ullmann described Mayer's jaunt (3/20) as "a prelude to the only important voyage, prepared with care . . . and even with a certain sadistic satisfaction: that of Chancellor Adenauer to the same place." **T des N** called the Mayer government "a reprieved corpse," forecast a new government after the impending municipal elections.

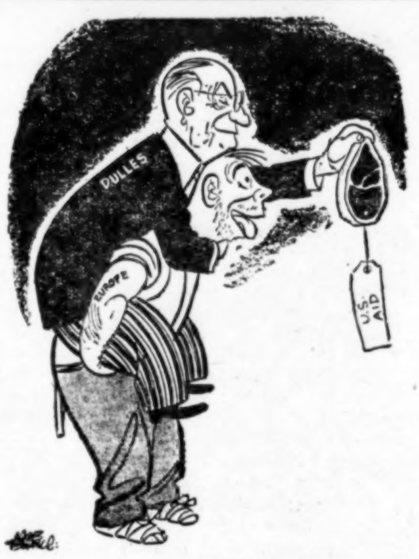
DEMOCRACY IN ITALY: In France as in Italy and Germany, the problem of how to get ratification of the everywhere unpopular European Army treaties from parliaments elected with a semblance of democracy was tough. Prospects remained dubious in France despite intensive gerrymandering and arrests of popular leaders. In W. Germany, lower-house ratification had been achieved in a parliament building surrounded by barbed wire and armed police as if under siege. In Italy, defeat next June for the U.S.-backed De Gasperi government seemed so certain that nothing could save it except passage of a bill by which a coalition getting over 50% of the vote would get ⅔ of the Chamber of Deputies' 590 seats.



Carrefour, **Paris**

Marshal Juin: "Our position in Indo-China has given me curvature of the spine."

In a rowdy and cynical defiance of parliamentary procedure last week, the De Gasperi administration pushed the bill through the Senate "by means that strict constitutionalists may consider doubtful" (**NYT,** 3/30). The vote was 174 to 0; the 156 opposition members, in protest, did not participate.



Excelsior, Mexico City

"Forward march!"

THE TREATMENT: Protest strikes involving hundreds of thousands of workers and gigantic demonstrations spread throughout Italy. The government unleashed against the demonstrators "policemen and carabinieri, in full battle kit and equipped with armored cars, tanks and jeeps" (**NYT,** 3/31). **WSJ** reported (3/31):

> Italian police arrested thousands of demonstrators during the 24-hour general strike. . . . Scores were injured in street fights. In Rome, at least 1,000 got jugged.

Socialist and Communist Senators were trying to persuade President Einaudi not to sign the bill, and to get signatures of one-third of the 330 Senate members to force another session of that body.

Vague U.S. promises, at best, to relieve Italy's deepening economic crisis were the stakes for which De Gasperi was playing. **T des N** reported (3/20) that the recent Dulles-Stassen visit resulted in little economic aid to Italy, and that Soviet specialists in the transport and other fields had been arriving in Italy and have already been contacted by Italian firms.

SOVIET SPRING CUTS: Seven U.S. newspaper and radio editors, led by New York's James Wick of the small-town Wick newspaper chain, and wives of two of the editors arrived in Moscow. They were reported in a radio news broadcast as being greeted by a smiling population. It had reason to smile: the U.S.S.R. had once again cut prices—as it did last spring—this time by 10-15% on 125 consumer products including food, clothing, household appliances, building material, gasoline and vodka.

Final Rosenberg case appeal is filed with Supreme Court; testimony denounced

A THIRD appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court—the final one open to the defense—was filed last week by defense attys. Emanuel H. Bloch and John F. Finerty, urging a review of a lower court refusal to grant a new trial to Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, under death sentence for "conspiring to commit espionage." Twice before the Supreme Court has declined to intervene in the case which has aroused a world-wide campaign for clemency. The petition charged that the government obtained convictions through

> . . . the knowing and deliberate use of false testimony by their prosecutor and sordid scheming to secure a conviction by fair means or foul.

It argued that David Greenglass, brother of Ethel Rosenberg and chief government witness, in drawing an "atom secret" from memory six years after he "learned" it from overheard scraps of conversation at the Los Alamos atom bomb project, made a perjured claim; renowned scientists challenge the possibility of making such a drawing under the circumstances. The plea also cited the government's own admission, by affidavit, that one of its witnesses was illegally coached in his testimony by the FBI. It quoted a Dec., 1952, opinion of a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals describing as "reprehensible" the tactics of then U.S. Atty. Saypol who prosecuted the case, and holding that a new trial, if asked for at the time, should have been granted. The brief commented:

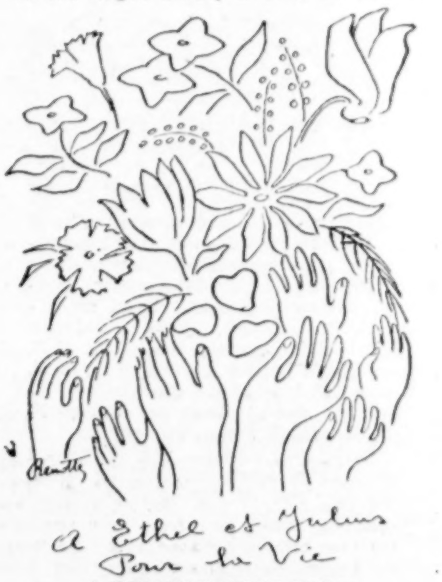
> The court uniquely confines two people to their death despite its own confirmation of the corruption of the verdict upon which the conviction rests.

"PERJURY & FRAUD": Repeatedly charging "perjury and fraud" by government witnesses, the appeal argues:

> Through its immoral, unconscionable and intentional deceptions of the court and jury, some of which fortunately have been discovered in time, the prosecution contrived a conviction through the pretense of a fair trial which, in truth, was used as a means of depriving these petitioners of their very lives.

In a Feb. 17 decision—four days after President Eisenhower rejected world-wide pleas for commutation—the Appeals Court ruled that the case contains "substantial questions" warranting high court review. The Rosenbergs are under an indefinite stay of execution until the present action is finally disposed of. The government has 25 days from the filing of the appeal to reply to the defense petition.

FIGHT GOES ON: The campaign to save the lives of the couple continued around the world. New Yorkers a week ago staged in Carnegie Hall the biggest Rosenberg rally yet, heard Dr. Bernard Loomer, Chicago U. Divinity School dean; William Harrison, assoc. editor of the Negro weekly **Boston Chronicle;** Ruby Dee, star of **The Jackie Robinson Story;** Jack Levine, prominent artist; Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes; and Prof. Louise Pettibone Smith of Wellesley College.



A BELGIAN POST CARD

To Ethel and Julius—for life

A still bigger New York rally is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, April 26, in the huge outdoor amphitheater, Triborough Stadium on Randall's Island; tickets at a flat price of $1 are available at the N.Y. Comm. for Clemency for the Rosenbergs, 1050 Sixth Av.

Van Wyck Brooks, literary critic and historian, added his name to those pleading for clemency.

FREEDOMS

Union head, withholding names, convicted; teachers denounce probe orgy

FOR a lesson in the double standards applied to punishment for "contempt" of Congressional probers, the U.S. last month had the cases of Abram Flaxer and Edward A. Rumely. Flaxer, head of United Public Workers (ind.), was convicted Mar. 24 of two contempt counts because he refused in Oct., 1951, to give UPW's membership list to Sen. McCarran's Senate Internal Security subcommittee. A jury in fear-ridden Washington took 20 minutes to convict him; he faces up to two years' prison, $2,000 fine.

DASHIEL HAMMETT
They talked about books

A week earlier the U.S. Supreme Court had cleared Rumely of a similar conviction. The difference: Rumely represents the Committee for Constitutional Government, Inc., a big-business lobby that sent out some 82,000,000 pieces of literature from 1937 to 1944, spent some $2,000,000 from 1946 to 1950 to influence U.S. legislation. Rumely would not tell who bought his committee's books, who contributed its funds. A U.S. Court of Appeals ruled that

> . . . to attempt to influence public opinion upon national affairs by books, pamphlets and other writings is one of the fundamental freedoms of speech and press.

The Supreme Court, which had consistently refused to review contempt convictions against progressives, upheld this opinion without a dissent.

McCARTHY-IKE "CAREFUL": While Congressional probers hunted witches in S. California (see right), in New England, in UN and in Washington, Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.), who had kicked off a month-long row over nomination of Charles Bohlen as Ambassador to Moscow, pursued his quest for power with a continuing attack on the State Dept. for stocking the wrong kind of books.

Bohlen was confirmed by a Senate vote of 73-13, but McCarthy in fighting the nomination not only had won many a concession from the Administration, but humiliated both the President and the State Dept. in their reluctance to fight back. The Washington **Post**, reporting an Eisenhower press conference the day before Bohlen's confirmation, said:

> The President, in replying to questions by reporters, was again careful not to tangle directly with McCarthy.

When the fight was over, Senate majority leader Taft announced:

> "There is no permanent division on foreign policy on the Republican side and I don't think any differences in active foreign policies will arise. The only thing on which I differed with those who voted against Bohlen was that I didn't believe the nomination involved foreign policy—it related to past policy instead of future policy."

On his own attitude to Eisenhower, McCarthy said: "I campaigned for him once and I'll campaign for him again."

"DON'T GIVE PEOPLE BOOKS": In his State Dept. probe, McCarthy said he intends to "pin down responsibility" for progressive books on U.S. library shelves abroad, threatened to call his friend, R. W. Scott McLeod, State Dept. security director, as a witness. Mystery writer Dashiell Hammett declined to answer questions on his political views but, when asked how he would fight communism, replied:

> "If I were fighting communism, I think I would do it by not giving people any books at all."

Langston Hughes told the committee he was sorry some of his early books were in the information libraries, wished they could be replaced by works written since 1950 when, he said, he abandoned any sympathy for communism. Perennial witness and ex-**Daily Worker** editor Louis Budenz, now a Fordham University instructor, said he was convinced the books listed by McCarthy could have been selected only through a "concealed Communist" in the State Dept., which prompted Sen. Fulbright (D-Ark.) to remark that he

> ". . . knew of no better way for a dedicated Communist to destroy unity in this country than by renouncing communism, joining a church and then denouncing important officials as communists or fellow-travelers."

McCarthy's finances—last year's Congressional probe of which made a 400-page Govt. Printing Office book which no Congressman dares act upon—were in the news again. Officials ruled he need not pay state or federal taxes on a $16,500 out-of-court settlement of a libel suit against a newspaper; but in Madison, Wis., two Democratic State Representatives asked legislative investigation of a $149,176 loan to McCarthy by his home-town bank in 1945 so he could buy railroad stocks.

BARBERS YET: These were some offshoots of the current witch-hunting frenzy: J. Edgar Hoover, complaining to a Senate Appropriations subcommittee that his job is harder now that communists have "gone underground," got not only approval of $77,500,000 budgeted for his FBI but a promise of a possible $5,000,000 more for additional agents to snoop on U.S. employes of UN.

Colleges Vote Freedom Code
Banning Reds From Faculties

N.Y. Times, March 31, 1953

In Ohio's legislature a bill was introduced to deny to "subversives" state licenses, including those to marry, drive a car, sell liquor or operate a barber shop.

Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R-N.Y.), running a probe of his own, made a plea to

> ". . . dignify Congressional investigations — make them palatable to the public."

TEACHERS BLAST PROBERS: The probe of schools by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, now headed by Sen. William E. Jenner (R-Ind.), wound up two-day hearings in Boston last week; at least eight university teachers there refused to answer questions under protection of the Fifth Amendment. Meanwhile:

- The 39th annual meeting of the American Assn. of University Professors, attended in Chicago Mar. 26-27 by 400 delegates representing 43,000 faculty members in nearly 1,000 colleges and universities, adopted resolutions defending teachers against dismissal for invoking the Fifth Amendment; denouncing school probes, teachers' loyalty oaths, textbook censorship as "among the most dangerous enemies of a free society."
- In Columbus, Ohio, Dean Ernest O. Belby of N.Y. University's School of Education warned 600 members that "vicious and vitriolic" attacks on schools have frightened teachers "into a vacuous and subservient docility."
- In San Antonio, Tex., 4,000 delegates to the Alamo District convention of the Texas State Teachers Assn. applauded Dr. John L. Bracken of Clayton, Mo.:

> "The time has come to investigate the investigators. There is no place for a KU Klux Klan in America, even on the Congressional level. McCarthy should be investigated himself. They're tearing down the America we're trying to build. Instead of drawing in our horns, let's talk back and strike back!"

- At Vassar College, radio commentator Elmer Davis charged that Congressional witch-hunters are motivated by a desire for "publicity and power," said those who expect a fair hearing before them are "living in a dream world."
- In Washington the Baptist Joint Comm. on Public Affairs, claiming to represent 17,000,000 church-goers, said:

> . . . .Even Senate and Congressional committees . . . are obligated to recognize the rights of the people provided in the Bill of Rights.

- Thurman W. Arnold, former associate justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals, told the Natl. Council of Jewish Women in Cleveland that civil liberties organizations must wage a constant fight for freedom of ideas

> ". . . when it is being endangered by constant Congressional investigation of people whose ideas the Committees do not like."

A PULSE QUICKENS: But the Assn. of American Universities, representing 37 top educational institutions in the U.S. and Canada, held that CP membership "extinguishes the right to a university position," declared that use of the Constitutional privilege of the Fifth Amendment

> . . . places upon a professor a heavy burden of proof of his fitness to hold a teaching position and lays upon his university an obligation to re-examine his qualifications for membership in its society.

The N.Y. **Times** editorialized on the association's decisions:

> They make one's pulses quicken with pride.

Dr. Corliss Lamont, lecturer in philosophy at Columbia, will debate Prof. James Burnham of New York University on "Keep Posted," a TV show, Dumont national network, channel 5, Tues., Apr. 7, 8:30-9 p.m. The question: "Should Communists be permitted to teach in colleges?"

CALIFORNIA

Velde road-show returns to L. A.

OPENING a return engagement in Los Angeles where it was routed by sixty-four hostile witnesses last fall, the House Un-American Activities Committee ran into stiff community pressures against an attempt to "stack" the audience with "screened patriotic and lunatic fringe" admirers by ticket-only admission. The ban on open attendance was broken; so was an attempt to televise the entire performance whether witnesses wanted it or not. Rank-and-file union delegations attended as official observers, mobilized by an emergency labor conference of 100 L.A. local union leaders who warned that further committee efforts to interfere with union objectives would bring picketing. Progressives of all hues joined in organizing a mass protest meeting Mar. 27.

The rally, under the chairmanship of Rev. A. A. Heist, retired Methodist minister himself threatened with investigation, drew an audience of 1,500 community leaders who charged that the committee "in 15 years of existence has not found even one alleged subversive engaged in attempting to overthrow the government." The meeting proposed

> . . . as a goal for all patriotic Americans the discontinuance of all appropriations for any and all Un-American Committees, federal, state and local.

INJECTIONS, CLINICS, ETC.: Mild, worried-looking TV dance director Danny Dare, 48, who 'never took his eyes from the committee attorney" (**L.A. Daily News**, 3/23), opened the show with a "friendly" account of the 1939 Hollywood musical show **Meet the People**, which he said "Communists" let him direct, at the same time luring him into their party.

Film producer Harold A. Hecht, 45, one-time WPA Federal Theater employe, told of a "party spoils system" in the Project and of joining a New York "red cell" which kept reading literature opposing anti-Semitism, Hitler, unemployment and Congressional cuts in WPA and relief funds.

David A. Lang, 40, screen writer, said he was a party member from 1943-46 and fell under the domination of a "red writers' clinic" which forced him to protest to Paramount Studios against injection into a picture of a "humorous" blackface scene, following "party policy which forbids so-called 'white chauvinism'" (N.Y. **Times**, 3/25).

The performance got more interesting when witness Edward Huebsch, screen writer, took the stand wearing a large lapel button: "FIRE VELDE—F.D.R. JR."

RELIGION NEXT? As the hearings opened, a group of 17 actors wired Actors Equity and the American Fedn. of TV & Radio Artists asking that they demand removal of Velde as chairman because of his attack on civil liberties generally and religion in particular. "Committee spokesmen" had been reported saying another hearing would be held in L.A. June 23 to "check into education and possibly religion here" (**L.A. Daily News**, 3/23).

The committee wound up its current session on Tuesday so members could return to Washington for a vote on the tidelands oil issue, but set April 6 for a star-chamber hearing for witnesses who refused to be televised. There were indications it might return to L.A. on June 23.

A friendly witness wor the committee was Mrs. Edith Macia, 68-year-old grandmother, who said she had been an undercover FBI agent in the Communist Party since 1943. She produced a list of names of 128 members, but all of them were so obscure the L.A. **Daily News** refused to publish them. For committee informers in general, a **News** columnist had this comment:

> It's difficult to determine what the committee is saving everybody from. These small-fry witnesses would have trouble overthrowing an outhouse on Hallowe'en, much less a government.

But the current hearings added to the number of persons on the entertainment industry's blacklist. In a fight-back move, five present and former members of the committee were named, along with film studios, in a $51,750,000 blacklist damage suit brought by 23 movie workers.

The boy who didn't want to die — and what happened in Dakota

IN the issue of Aug. 7, 1952, the GUARDIAN carried this letter in the Mailbag:

> BERGEN, N. D.
>
> I believe that the Korean War should never have been started. I am only 12 and I don't want to go to war when I am 18. I suppose I am kind of young to be thinking of going to war but six years can seem awfully short at times. One reason I wouldn't want to go to war is that I don't feel that I am defending my country. I would only be killing other young men and innocent women and children for the defense of American monopolies. Speaking for thousands of other American young people. I think this war should be ended right here and now! **DAVID MOXNESS**

A few months ago a Navy recruiting officer walked into the office of the Jamestown (N. D.) **Sun** with a copy of a North Korean leaflet dropped over American lines and picked up by the officer's brother on duty in Korea. The leaflet contained, among other items, David's letter—without credit to the GUARDIAN.

DAVID MOXNESS
"Kind of young . . ."

Jamestown **Sun** writer Bill Wright called "a person we won't identify" in Bergen, and wrote an article on the Moxness family and "six or seven" others in Bergen. They were called "quite a nest of Communists." David was described by the informant as "very intelligent, and apparently . . . his folks are beginning to channel their thoughts into and through him." Wright added that "the FBI checks regularly on the N. D. Commies."

A FATHER'S FAITH: The implication of the article was that David had written the letter directly to North Korea. Wright wrote: "We were left shocked—in true Pearl Harbor fashion."

David's father, William Moxness, ex-school teacher who works his small farm despite the loss of an arm, sent this open letter to Wright and the rest of the North Dakota press:

> Just supposing your article was picked up for use in a North Korean leaflet? Wouldn't it make first-rate proof of the wild hysteria, hate-inciting, intolerance-breeding atmosphere which permeates our country today?
>
> My boy believed, as I believe, that our Bill of Rights guarantees us freedom of thought and speech. His letter expressed the sentiments appearing daily in the letter columns of papers coast to coast. You cannot talk to the youth of our country without knowing how discouraged they feel at the futility of training or even getting jobs.
>
> You are shocked because a boy had the courage to say he did not like war and did not want to kill. Yet that chorus comes from countless young throats all over the land.

Moxness quoted the **Wall St. Journal, U. S. News and World Report,** Walter Lippmann, Herbert Hoover, Senator Taft and Justice Douglas to prove that war scares are used for armament profiteering, that most of the world thinks the U. S. S. R. wants peace, that the Korean war is "the most senseless" in our history (Taft). He cited the 1951 resolution of the North Dakota State Senate to bring our boys home from Korea.

THOSE FACTS! The North Dakota press, on the whole, reacted favorably to Moxness' letter. The Ward County **Independent** (2/19/53) editorialized, after quoting David's letter:

> Don't you suppose that these thought have crossed the minds of many youngsters in America and in England and in France?
>
> Don't you suppose that these thoughts have been often in the minds of many soldiers and sailors and marines of America?
>
> Don't you remember that some of the boys who dropped the atomic bomb on Japan were quoted as wondering whether they were justified in doing so?
>
> Do you suppose that Americans have been absolutely guiltless in every war. . . ?
>
> Do you suppose that every mother in Ward county who has children 12, 13, and 14 years old feels that this Korean war is a great thing, a proper thing, a necessary thing and spends some time encouraging her boys to be ready to fight and die to thus defend freedom?
>
> We can't help but feel that as far as what David Moxness said it was fairly near the normal emotion of the normal boy.

The Harvey **Herald** was puzzled by Moxness' "lengthy, factual and expertly written letter." They suggested that if "the author is really a farmer, he is pursuing the wrong profession." Moxness is a long-time GUARDIAN reader.

Two vicious anonymous letters received by Moxness were more than matched by many letters of approval. A Bergen correspondent wrote that the wife of the only local storekeeper and postmaster, Wright's informant on the "nest of Communists," was "horrified at the ghastly results of her irresponsible talking." Among the peace supporters "there was exhilaration and enthusiasm that battle for a good cause brings."

Bridges case comes to 19-year climax as defense readies Supreme Court plea

NINETEEN years ago the West Coast maritime strike—biggest in U. S. history—was won. For the man who led it, the victory was the beginning of the longest siege of persecution ever directed against a single man in this country. In 1941 columnist Max Lerner described Harry Bridges as the

> . . . most hounded, searched, spied, snooped, shadowed and wiretapped man in the labor movement.

When the strike ended in 1934, Australian-born Bridges was hauled up for a deportation hearing on a charge of Communist Party membership. After complete and thorough investigation by the Immigration Service and the San Francisco Police Dept., he was cleared of the charge. In 1938 another deportation warrant was issued against him, again charging CP membership. After exhaustive hearings before Harvard Law School Dean James M. Landis, he was again cleared.

HIGH COURT FIRM: Three years later Bridges was for the third time subjected to a deportation hearing on the same charge. This time Immigration Inspector Charles Sears found him guilty, ordered him deported. In 1942 the Board of Immigration Appeals unanimously overruled the Sears decision. But the U. S. Attorney General, in an unprecedented action, rejected that ruling and moved to deport the longshoremen's leader. In 1944 the U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the deportation order.

But a year later, in one of the strongest decisions of its kind ever written, the U. S. Supreme Court threw out the case against Bridges, cleared him of all charges of CP membership. Bridges immediately applied for, and was granted, citizenship. His two character witnesses were the union's First Vice-President J. R. Robertson and Intl. Exec. Bd. member Henry Schmidt. The Bridges case at last seemed closed.

TWIST AND TURN: But in 1949 the government returned to the attack, indicted Bridges and the other two leaders for conspiracy and fraud against the government, accusing them of perjury when they swore that Bridges was not and never had been a member of the CP. To get around the three-year statute of limitations, the government brought the action under a war-time law aimed at fraud in contracts for military supplies; under this law the time limit for prosecutions was extended to five years.

Defense arguments that the statute did not apply, and that Bridges in effect was now placed in jeopardy for a fourth time in violation of a basic principle of law, were ignored. Trial Judge George B. Harris refused to admit the Supreme Court's 1945 decision in evidence. The three were found guilty; Bridges was sentenced to five years, the others to two years each.

TELFORD TAYLOR
As he appeared in uniform

A NEW REVIEW: In 1952 the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the convictions. The Justice Dept. vigorously opposed a review of the case by the Supreme Court. But early this month the high court accepted the case for review, set April 27 for oral argument, with the defense brief to be filed by April 6. Still pending is a defense request for a two-week extension which, if granted, will put the case over to the fall term of the Court.

The case will be argued by New York attorney Telford Taylor who, as a brigadier-general in the Army, was Chief of Counsel for War Crimes throughout the Nuremberg trials; and San Francisco atty. Norman Leonard.

WHAT IT MEANS: Union leaders accepted the Supreme Court's announcement as "good news" but warned:

> The decision just means that the Supreme Court will hear the case, not that we have won. . . . There are plenty of political characters around Washington who opposed review and will redouble their efforts against us.
>
> We have no illusions. We will continue to call on Eisenhower and Atty. Gen. Brownell to drop the case.

The Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt Defense Comm. (150 Golden Gate Av., S. F. 2, Calif.) last week appealed for contributions and for letters to the President and Attorney General to dismiss the case.

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LABOR Auto workers convention demands a guaranteed annual wage by 1955

CIO's United Auto Workers, the nation's— largest union (1,318,739 members), finished up its 14th constitutional convention in Atlantic City last week with a new labor demand: a guaranteed annual wage, to be achieved in 1955 when present 5-year contracts expire. Still vague in details, the plan would require auto companies to supplement unemployment compensation in times of joblessness to make up a fixed yearly income. The convention threatened to strike, if necessary, to win the demand. The unanimously-adopted resolution said:

> The guaranteed annual wage attacks problems of mass unemployment at the root by shifting to the employer the cost of unemployment, by compelling the employer to pay workers as the employer himself is paid — by the year. Workers and their families live by the year, a biological need which they share with corporation officials.

IMMEDIATE PRESSURE: To work out details of the plan, the union named an advisory committee of 10 prominent economists and industrial relations experts who will hold their first meeting in May, then invite major auto companies to participate in a joint study commission.

For immediate pressure on auto companies for current revision of the five-year, non-reopenable contracts signed in 1950 and tying wages to the cost of living, the convention instructed its officers and locals not to negotiate future contracts for more than two years if "current negotiations do not bring about a satisfactory adjustment." The union now wants 20c of a 25c-an-hour cost-of-living increase since 1950 added to basic pay (the entire amount can be wiped out if price levels fall), and other "fringe" benefits. Under the existing air-tight contracts, speed-up is one of the toughest problems facing the workers.

PEACE CALL TO IKE: On peace, civil liberties, political action and labor unity, the convention took stronger stands than in the past, but "balanced" these actions by extra-strength denunciation of "communism" and by tightening up the intl. exec. board's control over local unions.

The convention, insisting "the road to peace must be kept open," called on Eisenhower to accept the peace-talk bid of Soviet Premier Malenkov. On political action the convention proposed a 10-point program for a re-alignment of U.S. political parties as an answer to "Wall Street's new challenge," offered to

> . . . explore with other groups the possibility of calling a national conference of labor, farm and other liberal forces in the spring of 1956—prior to both party conventions.

"A NEW CLIMATE": Even CIO secy.-treas. James B. Carey, unaccustomed to militant talk since the beginning of the Truman administration, suggested that under the Republicans

> ". . . perhaps a new climate will result in organized labor making itself more self-reliant, more self-sufficient. Perhaps it will mean a greater dependence on our own resources, labor's own economic strength and on our own solidarity. . . . [Political reactionaries] out of their own stupidity may help to create a far stronger, perhaps far more militant labor movement."

UNITY CONDITIONS: Prospects of unity with the AFL were not forwarded when UAW pres. Walter P. Reuther announced four conditions for a merger (GUARDIAN, 3/30). AFL's George Meany took exception to it:

> "Before we really get together we have to have a cease-fire of some sort. I'm very much disappointed the issues are going to be discussed in the public press before we meet."

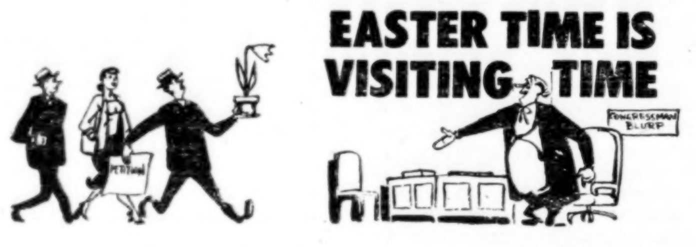
Unity talks are set to begin in Washington April 7. Meanwhile the convention resolved that

> . . . the CIO has recognized that united action on the day-to-day specific, social, economic, legislative and political issues could not and need not wait for final agreement on the many difficult organizational problems related to the final achievement of organic unity. This need for day-to-day practical working trade union solidarity is particularly true today in the situation which confronts all of labor.

CHOPPING AT LIBERTY: Congressional witch-hunters were denounced:

> Already they have made great inroads. We see laws passed by Congress—the Smith Act, the McCarran Internal Security Act, the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act—which chop at the roots of our traditional liberties under the pretext of safeguarding national security. . . . By their rule of fear and smear they would compel all of us to speak, write and think only what they think fit.

But the convention amended the union's constitution empowering the exec. board to order retrial of members acquitted in their locals on charges of membership in or "subservience to" the Communist Party. It also endorsed the exec. board's action to bar the candidacy for re-election of five former officers of the big Ford Local 600. Local pres. Carl Stellato, a leader of anti-Reuther forces, was defeated in his bid for a place on the board. Reuther and his three top officers were re-elected without opposition. All officers got a pay boost, Reuther from $11,250 to $18,000.



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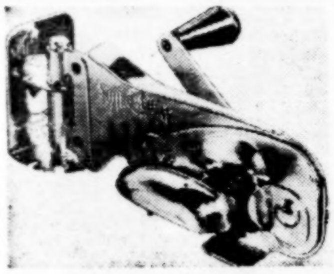

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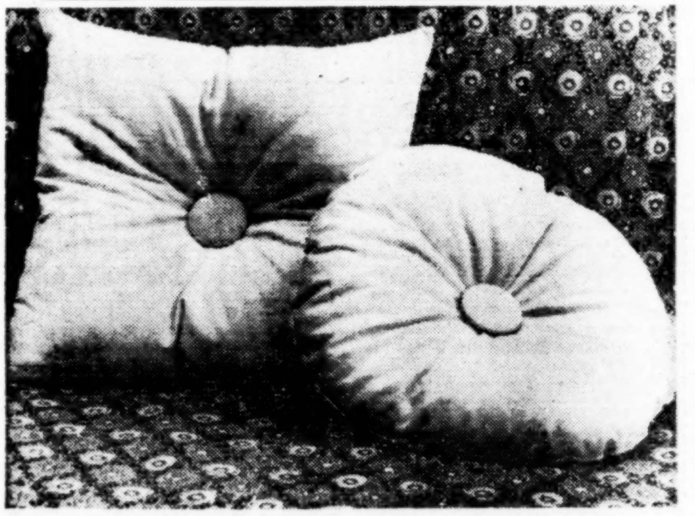

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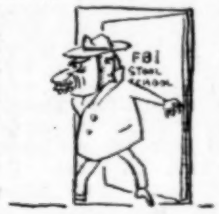
Columnist forces hit show to close

ED SULLIVAN is a dour-faced Broadway gossip peddler who writes a turgid column for the N.Y. **Daily News** (circulation, 2,000,000 daily) and conducts a Sunday night TV show. In between times he holds court in his hotel room for artists in the entertainment field who have been tagged subversive by the publication **Counterattack** (run by ex-FBI agents) or the American Legion. The idea is that if



the artists are willing to purge themselves for Sullivan he might permit them to get off the blacklist and make a living again.

On Mar. 9 in his column Sullivan addressed himself directly to Rosalind Russell ("Dear Roz"), star of the hit musical **Wonderful Town**: Did she know that a publication he didn't like was raising money by taking a block of tickets for her show for a benefit the night of April 8? He urged her to step out of the performance that night and said further: "The American Legion is working on it."

HATCHET MAN: The publication, which Sullivan did not name, was the GUARDIAN. Next day Sullivan called the GUARDIAN, spoke with general manager John T. McManus. He wanted to know what other benefits the GUARDIAN had taken seats for. McManus told him he was doing a "hatchet job," refused to discuss the matter.

Sullivan brought up the GUARDIAN's publishing the names of American POW's in N. Korean prison camps. McManus told him the names had been available to the U.S. government and press, that the GUARDIAN had printed them as a public service, had brought hope to hundreds of American families who knew only that their sons were officially reported missing in action.

In his column Mar. 11 Sullivan distorted his interview with McManus to make it appear that the GUARDIAN had a secret pipeline to Peking, dragged in Soviet Premier Malenkov, Paul Robeson and Howard Fast. Then he reported that Robert Fryer, producer of **Wonderful Town**, was cancelling the April 8 performance.

The GUARDIAN had 300 of the 1,400 seats for that performance, purchased through a legitimate theater agency; 400 were held by the Ellin Prince Speyer Hospital for Animals (also for a benefit); the rest were box-office sale. The cancellation meant in effect one-man censorship of the stage by open intimidation.

FIREWORKS BEGIN: Immediately after Sullivan's second column the GUARDIAN's phones kept ringing with calls of support from indignant New Yorkers, many of whom had differences with GUARDIAN policy. The editors of the GUARDIAN in a statement to the press and public expressed concern over

> . . . the new dictum that this occurence seems to have spawned—that you can't see a particular show if your political or social coloration is displeasing to some people.

The N.Y. **Times** and **Herald Tribune** gave full and fair coverage to the incident. **AP** sent the story across the country. It was learned that the cast of the musical had rejected the producer's proposal that they play a special performance on Sunday, April 12, for the same pay. They angrily forced Fryer to withdraw a petition he had circulated to influence the vote. Members of the theater craft unions moved in their organizations to protest the Sullivan-Fryer action.

SCREENING ON THE AISLE: On Mar. 26 the Natl. Council on Freedom from Censorship protested. The action, wrote playwright Elmer Rice, council chairman,

> . . . raises the amazing possibility that theatre-goers must now pass political tests set up by producers.

He said the cancellation violated N.Y. State's civil rights laws, asked Fryer (who stood to lose at least $4,000 by the closing) to reconsider his decision. The same day Sullivan was back in print with his hatchet, warning bookers of theater parties to screen their applicants in the future, find out where the money was going—or he'd sic the Legion on them. He wrote:

> This precaution imposes no limitation on free speech. It is an American precaution. . . .

Other Americans had different ideas about Americanism. A storm had broken over Broadway and Sullivan's word would not be the last.

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Mrs. Lillian H. Ashe, UPA president, says that although the plan is available only to parents whose children attend schools which have parent-teacher assns. affiliated with UPA, parents themselves need not be UPA members.

Application forms can be obtained from either the local UPA or the UPA Insurance Plan, 115 E. 77 St., N.Y.C. 21.

THE MORE THE CHEAPER: UPA's research director, Harold Siegal, emphasizes the incidence of injuries to school children by pointing to a Natl. Safety Council report that 15% of 1,125,000 (75,000) yearly have accidents requiring medical attention or a half day's absence from school. He said a parent with hospitalization benefits could apply this policy toward a child's medical expenses. Schools will become eligible to share by affiliating with UPA.

Officials of the Continental Casualty Co. told the GUARDIAN the premium would be even less than $5 a year per student if approximately 430 schools not now affiliated with UPA joined it.

THE NEW INSURANCE WOULD HELP THEM

Hugh Tierney, 9, was hit by a truck on St. Patrick's Day and taken to Bellevue. Rushing to his aid his mother Anna Tierney was also hit by a truck. It took a week before they were reunited.

Clothing union wins raise of 12½c an hour

IN one of the first wage negotiations since the freeze thawed, the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers last week won a 12½c pay boost; textile workers in the area fighting to stave off deep cuts, tucked the newsclips into portfolios they took to bargaining sessions.

Since 1950 Amalgamated had passed up any bids for a raise because the men's clothing industry, one of the city's biggest, "was in a sharp decline and could not have withstood the strain of additional financial burdens." (Though 1951 profits dropped below 1950, they still came to $20,838,000.) This year union pres. Jacob S. Potofsky found the industry "now really on the road to recovery."

The union had asked a 15c rise to start with. It was bargained down, but Potofsky said: "The amicable relations that have marked the clothing industry for more than a quarter of a century prevailed during the wage discussions." Welfare benefits, improved last year, remained unchanged. The boost brings the industry's average to $1.75 an hour, below auto ($1.95) and railroad ($1.87), above national averages in men's and boys clothing ($1.49, or $53.60 a week) and shirts ($1.05, or $39 a week.)

ARBITRATING PAY CUTS: In Patterson, N.J., last week wool mill employers suggested an across-the-board pay cut of 15c an hour. Local 87 CIO Textile Workers Union reported the company also offered to reduce present disability plans; lower employer-paid life insurance from $1,000 policies to $500; eliminate the day off on election day. Contracts in the area expired Mar. 31; last week the union met to decide policy.

In February, American Woolen mills demanded a second round of cuts from its employes, totaling a 24c loss. The union took it to arbitration; Botany Mills asked a 30c drop; a federal court has enjoined Secy. of Labor Durkin from insisting on $1 minimum wage for government textile contract binders.

JACOB POTOFSKY

The feeling was friendly

West Side buildings to be de-slummed

SOME Manhattan tenants had hopes last week of getting landlords to paint and plug leaks, but prospects were that they might have to pay for it in additional rent increases. Twenty-nine buildings in the block between St. Nicholas and Eighth Avs. and 118th and 119th Sts. in Harlem were chosen as a "pilot block" for a borough-wide rehabilitation of structurally solid buildings which with repairs may be prevented from becoming slums.

City water, gas and health depts. were to begin a survey of violations of housing, fire and sanitary laws. If landlords do not voluntarily comply, they are to be summoned before a special term of Magistrates Court, which will seek to correct the violations rather than collect fines.

"NO PREJUDICE": To induce landlords to make repairs, state rent administrator Joseph D. McGoldrick said "reasonable" rent increases would be considered. The Housing Authority would not say whether rises would be on top of the 15% hike ok'd by Albany last month. Landlords would further be assured of funds for repairs from mortgage loans which bankers seemed eager to grant them.

Banks, led by Bowery and Dry Dock, support the scheme "because it would show the people of Harlem that the bankers were not prejudiced against them." State Housing Commr. Herman Stichman hailed the move as a good investment and a way for land-owning banks to avoid loss of taxable property involved in the construction of public housing.

U.S. peace drive mapped in Chicago

WHEN Civil Defense head Val Peterson told TV audiences last month he "wouldn't hesitate to ask for a draft" if more people didn't sign up for CD, the American Peace Crusade promptly explained to him CD's failure to recruit volunteers: letters to papers public opinion polls and last November's Presidential vote all showed that "our people haven't fallen victim to war hysteria and propaganda." APC added:

> The interest of the nation requires a cease-fire in Korea and a meeting between President Eisenhower and Premier Malenkov to settle outstanding differences.

APC sponsors and natl. committee members, meeting in Chicago Mar. 14-15, set these immediate campaigns:

- National cease-fire campaign directed at Congress;
- Local, state committees to press for peace legislation in state legislative bodies;
- Urging an Eisenhower-Malenkov meeting;
- Delegations from all over the U.S. to visit UN, urging continued session until agreement to end the Korean War is reached.

Present at the Chicago meeting were 76 delegates representing trade unions (auto, packinghouse, electrical workers etc.), churches and fraternal bodies in many states.

CANADIANS ACTIVE: Peace leaflets were distributed all over Canada—45,000 in British Columbia alone—on Feb. 28 which was observed as National Cease-Fire Day. The Canadian Peace Congress for the second time requested the Parliament External Affairs Comm. "to present the case for an imediate cease-fire and against extension of the war in the Pacific." In the British Columbia legislature, 40 men, women and children presenting a cease-fire petition got a friendly welcome; two legislature members later supported the cease-fire proposal on the floor of the House. The convention in Vancouver of B. C. Dist. 1, Intl. Woodworkers of America, heard a report by pres. J. Stewart Alsbury against spreading the war. In Toronto, guests at a "cease-fire in Korea" dinner gave a 17-minute ovation to Britain's Dean of Canterbury. CPC chairman Dr. James Endicott spoke to 2,600 at a cease-fire rally.

"Report-back" rallies addressed by delegates to the Peking and Vienna peace congresses were being held all over Canada; 2,000 attended the initial rally of the series, and Dr. Endicott drew a crowd of 300 in one small B. C. community with a 2,500 population. The World Peace Council, announcing from Prague a meeting Apr. 10 in Budapest to seek effective ways of putting the Vienna Congress decisions into effect, said:

> More than ever the people see in the main demand of the Congress—conclusion of a peace pact among the five Great Powers—the solution which will guarantee world peace, the condition for independence of the peoples, and that it will lead to the easing of international tension. . . . A new impetus has been given the people's struggle for peace.

"That's philosophy"

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Because his religion forbids him to steal or kill, Catholic Gaetano Ranclioni, 22, told Fed. Judge Jacob Weinberger here last week he would submit to induction but refuse to go to Korea.

Ranclioni's counsel Wilmer Breeden insisted President Truman had acted illegally without Congressional authority in sending troops to Korea: U. S. intervention violated international law, and the Nuremberg trials had established an individual's responsibility for his nation's acts.

"That's not law—that's philosophy," said the judge, sentencing Ranclioni to three years.

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Films

PRINCE AND THE PAUPER: film revival children's show at Trans-Lux, 85th St. & Madison Av. 11 a.m. Sat., Apr. 4. Children 35c, adults 50c.

B'KLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY, Grand Army Plaza, B'klyn, Saturdays, 3 p.m. Films for children in 2d grade and above. Check with your local library for films, story hours and other events.

THE SEVEN RAVENS: feature length puppet film based on Grimm Brothers fairy tale. Revival of CONGRESS DANCES, Art Theatre, 36 E. 8th St., NYC.

DAILY FILMS: American Museum of Natural History, Central Park W. (nr. 79th St.) Free. Mon., Apr. 6, 2 p.m., STARS AND STRIPES & YOSEMITE; Tues., Apr. 7, 2 p.m. WONDERS IN A COUNTRY STREAM & HUNTING ANIMALS OF THE PAST; Wed., Apr. 8, 4 p.m., RED RIDING HOOD & REALM OF THE WILD; Thurs., Apr. 9, 2 p.m., SPOTTY, THE FAUN & THE FALLEN EAGLE (Sioux Indians); Fri., Apr. '0, 2 p.m., CHANGES OF A BUNNY RABBIT & WONDER HOUSE; Sat., Apr. 11, 2 p.m., THE BISCUIT EATER.

THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM: Eastern Parkway & Washington Av. 2:30 p.m. Free. Apr. 6, films, FARMER OF INDIA & FABLE OF THE PEACOCK; Apr. 7, film, CIRCUS BOY; Apr. 8, HENRY ST. PLAYHOUSE DANCE COMPANY; Apr. 9, film, WALT DISNEY CARTOONS; Apr. 10, film, CHATA; Sat., Apr. 11, 10:30 a.m., STORY HOUR FOR CHILDREN; Sat. Apr. 11, 2 p.m., TRAVEL FILMS & COMEDIES FOR CHILDREN.

AROUND SOUTH AMERICA, NEW YORK PARADE: films, at Museum of the City of New York, 5th Av. & 103d St. Sat., Apr. 11, a.m. & 3 p.m. Free.

Plays

THE PIED PIPER: by the Playhouse. A play for young people, acted by adults. YM & YWHA, Lexington Av. & 92d St. Wed., Apr. 8, 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m.; Thurs., Apr. 9, 11 a.m.; Fri., Apr. 10, 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m.; Sun., Apr. 12, 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m. $1.20 & $1.80. Half-rate for groups of 20 or more.

THE ENCHANTED BALLOONS, THE GOOPS, HOLIDAY IN ISRAEL: The Merry-Go-Rounders in story-ballets for children. YM & YWHA, Lexington Av. & 92d St. Sun., Apr. 5, 1:30 & 3:30 p.m.; Wed., Apr. 8, 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m.; Thurs., Apr. 9, 11 a.m.; Fri., Apr. 10, 11 a.m.; Sun., Apr. 12, 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m. $1.20 & $1.80. Half-rate for groups of 20 or more.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND: by Playmart Children's Theatre, Carl Fischer Concert Hall, 165 W. 67th St. Sat., Apr. 4, 1 & 2:45 p.m. Sat., Apr. 11 & Sun., Apr. 12, 1 p.m. & 2:45 p.m. $1.20 & 75c. Special rates for clubs and theatre parties.

DAILY MATINEE FOR MOPPETS: Leroy the Magician and Peggy Bridge Marionettes. Live entertainment during intermissions. Jan Hus House, 351 E. 74th St. (bet. 1 & 2 Avs.), 2:30 p.m., 72c. Mon., Apr. 6, "The Wishing Well" & Leroy the Magician; Tues., Apr. 7, "Treasure Island," Marionette Show & Magician; Wed., Apr. 8, "Puss in Boots"; Thurs., Apr. 9, "Nobody's Rabbitt"; Fri., Apr. 10, "Texas Tim," cowboy story; Sat., Apr. 11, "The Three Little Pigs."

THE ADVENTURES OF KIKI THE MONKEY: kitten-cat play at Master Institute Theatre, 323 W. 103d St. Sat., Apr. 11, 2:30 p.m. 90c-$1.50.

PETER PAN: play by Clare Tree Major's company, McMillin Theatre, Columbia University, 116th St. & B'way. For children over six (younger not admitted). Sat., Apr. 11, 3 p.m. 50c.

FUN WITH MUSIC: Brooklyn Academy of Music, Lafayette Av. Featuring variation on "Oh Susanna!" and other novelties including operetta. Sat., 3 p.m. $1.

THE GARDEN OF PARADISE: Lyric Theatre production at Henry St. Playhouse, 466 Grand St. Sat., Apr. 11, 3 p.m. 10c.

Miscellaneous

CHILDREN'S ZOO: Bronx Park opens Sat., Apr. 4, if weather is good. Animals in this section of the zoo are pets and may be handled by children. Adults admitted only if accompanied by children. Sat., 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children 10c, adults 12c. Appeal is principally to young children. General zoo admission is free. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun., 10 to 6:30 p.m.

EGG ROLLING CONTEST for children 5 to 13 on Great Lawn of Central Park, 80th to 84th Sts. Sat., Apr. 4, 2 p.m. Prizes in four age groups. Held Mon. if rain.

EASTER IN THE HEAVENS: new show at Hayden Planetarium relates sky pictures to Easter, Passover and spring; dome becomes giant illustrated Easter egg, etc. Sat., 11 a.m.; Sat. & Sun., 2, 3, 4, 5 & 8:30 p.m. Children under 5 not admitted. Allow time before show to see solar system demonstration and corridor exhibits too. Children 40c, adults 65c mat., 95c eves.

MORE CIRCUS: "Greatest Show On Earth" exhibit at N.Y. Historical Society, 170 Central Pk. W. (nr. 76th St.). Circus poster, pictures, etc., from 1792 to the present, and a complete miniature circus. Also "The Circus in Books and Prints" at N.Y. Public Library, 5th Av. & 42d St., 2d floor Gallery, Sat., 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun., 1-5:30 p.m. Free.

B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: B'klyn Av. & Park Pl. Sat. Free. Film, 11 a.m.; Story Hour, 11:30 a.m.; Live Animal Show, 1:15 p.m.; Film, 2 p.m.; Science Demonstration, 2:30 p.m.; Planetarium Demonstration, 3 p.m.; Film, 4 p.m.

CIRCUS is on at Madison Square Garden, 8th Av. & 50th St. Twice daily at 2:15 and 8:30 p.m. thru May 10. $1.50-$6.50. Children under 12 ½ price exc. Sat. & Sun.

PAGEANT OF SPRING: colorful Easter show of spring-flowering plants and bulbs. N.Y. Botanical Garden, Bronx Pk. 2 p.m., thru Apr. 12. Free.

YANKEES vs. DODGERS: exhibition games at Ebbets Field, Sullivan Pl., B'klyn. Sat., 1:30 p.m. & Sun., 2 p.m. 60c-$3.

INTL. MOTOR SPORTS SHOW: Grand Central Palace, Lexington Av. at 46th St. Sat., Apr. 11, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun., 1 p.m.-10 p.m. Adults $1.25, children 60c.

BIKE TRIP FOR NOVICES: AYH leadership. Meet Sat., 9:30 a.m., Hillside Av. & Sutphin Blvd., Queens.

PARK DEPT. TENNIS COURTS: Open Sat., Apr. 11. For season permits and court locations, address Park Dept., Central Park Armory, enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope; or apply after this date at any court. Permit: $5 (no other fees).

SWIMMING MEET, boys & girls, at St. Mary's Park recreation center, St. Ann's Av. & 145th St., Bronx. AAU and Jr. races. Sat., Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m. Free.

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MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FILM LIBRARY, 11 W. 53d—Will Rogers revicals, **Doubling for Romeo & David Harum,** Thurs., Apr. 5; Emil Jannings in **Last Command** (Ger., 1938), Apr. 6-12, 3 & 5:30 p.m. daily.

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MONDAY'S HEROES — Greenwich Mews Theatre, 141 W. 13th St. Nightly except Mon. & Fri. Res.: TR 3-4810.

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THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS—Sean O'Casey play on Irish Revolution. Current Stages, 1129 6th Av., nightly except Mon. & Tues. Res.: CI 5-9633.

ACTOR'S MOBILE THEATRE—4 one-acters by Brecht, Maltz, Chekhov, Nash. Retail Drug Employes Union, 210 W. 50th St., Sun., Apr. 5, 8 p.m.

THE TROJAN WOMEN—Euripides' anti-war drama, Community Church of N.Y., 40 E. 35th St. Sun., Apr. 5, 8:30 p.m. $1, $1.50, $2.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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RAPHAEL SOYER—recent paintings, Assoc. Amer. Artists, 711 5th Av. at 55th St., thru Apr. 18.

DAVID IRWIN WILLIAMS—paintings of Mexico, Serigraph Gallery, 38 W. 57th, thru Apr. 13.

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PHILIP EVERGOOD—show at ACA Galleries, 63 E. 57th St., from Mar. 30.

Music

CONCERT—Margot Nisita, soprano, Alfred Heller, pianist, featuring premiere art songs by Kushner on Emily Dickinson poems. Museum of City of N.Y., 5th Av. & 103d, Sun., Apr. 5, 3 p.m. Free.

MARIAN ANDERSON — only concert this season, Metropolitan Opera House, Sun., Apr. 5, 3 p.m. $1.20-$3.60.

HAROLD KOHON, violinist—Brooklyn Museum, Eastern Pkwy & Wash. Av. Sun., Apr. 5, 3 p.m. Free.

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HOW JIMCROW IS OUR TOWN? II—DINING OUT

Prejudice in the restaurants goes underground

By Eugene Gordon

JIMCROW in Manhattan restaurants is lessening but has gone underground. Facts collected by the Committee on Civil Rights in East Manhattan, Inc., show that techniques of discrimination against the Negro diner have become so "indirect" and "refined" as to be "rarely noticed by white people who never feel their sting."

Discrimination, checked coolly, precisely, scientifically by the committee's investigating teams, showed itself in discourtesy, bad service, tables near the kitchen or lavatory and similar "subleties."

MANY GROUPS JOIN: The survey was important not only for what it found—but also for how it worked. Why and how it started is told in an 8-page pamphlet published by the committee, titled "Have You Heard What's Cooking?" In 1949 a little group of people in midtown Manhattan's east side were shocked by the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. The UN headquarters buildings were going up in their neighborhood; they would be hosts to people from every race on earth. They took stock on jimcrow in their own backyard.

The committee formed from that "little group" spread to embrace such "cooperating organizations as American Assn. of University Women, N. Y. C. Chapter of the Am. Jewish Committee, Am. Jewish Congress, Am. Legion — Willard Straight Post No. 842, Social Action Committee of the Community Church, NAACP, Natl. Conf. of Christians and Jews, and the Spanish-American Bureau. A number of social scientists were consulted, a survey planned.

"PILOT STUDY": Volunteers, including students from colleges in the area, listed all the eating places from 34th to 59th St., from 5th Av. eastward to the river. They made a "pilot study" of 50 luncheonettes and drugstore counters, and found no discrimination.

Using the "pilot study," CCREM tested techniques and trained volunteers under "battle conditions."

MIDDLE BRACKETS: Then came the survey:

"From the original list of all eating places in the area, the 248 middle-priced restaurants ($1.30 to $3.99 for an average meal) were selected. It was felt that in the lowest-priced establishments, as in the luncheonettes, no discriminatory practices would be found, so they were eliminated. Night clubs, hotel dining rooms and the highest-priced restaurants seemd to offer special problems of personnel and funds. They also were omitted.

"Out of the 248 eating places, a 'representative sample' was chosen, including 62 restaurants, or 25% of the total. The sample establishments were then divided into 3 groups based on price range. Twenty-one were in the $1.30 to $1.90 group; 24 from $2 to $2.90; 17 from $3 to $3.99."

TWO-TEAM TEST: Teams of two persons, a man and a woman, two men or two women were formed from 153 volunteers. A minority team (Negro pair) was followed into a restaurant by a control team (white pair). "If the minority team was seated at a very poor table but the control team received a good one, it was clearly not because all the better tables were occupied or reserved."

The teams asked for regular meals, behaving like ordinary patrons, meanwhile observing how both groups were treated.

ASSORTED JIMCROW: Eight experts analyzed the questionnaires and decided whether there was evidence of discrimination. They found: "In 42% or 26 of the 62 places tested, the minority team met obviously inferior treatment. In no case was the control team treated worse than the minority. In 3/5 of the cases where discrimination was reported, discourtesy was shown in more than one way: the minority team would be assigned to an inferior table and would also be given poorer service."

In 17 of the 62 restaurants the Negro couple was directed to a table near the kitchen or the lavatory, or put in a room separate or hidden from view of white diners. The minority team in other cases was made to wait out of turn for a table; given deliberately slow service; hurried so they couldn't enjoy their meal; rudely treated in some other way.

Higher-priced restaurants offended much more often than lower-priced. Only about 1/7 of the places in the price range from $1 to $1.99 discriminated. Slightly more than half in the $2 to $3.99 group discriminated.

UNIONS RESPOND: Other diners paid little attention to the Negro teams. One or two diners in 9 of the 62 seemed to show disapproval "by comment or facial expression."

CCREM gave a summary of its findings to all the restaurant associations and to AFL unions representing restaurant workers and musicians. The committee said: "Response was gratifying. Resolutions pledging equal treatment of all patrons were received from unions representing more than 70,000 restaurant employes and from management associations comprising more than 1,500 restaurants."

IMPROVEMENT: CCREM's latest action, after almost two years, was to "recruit 272 testers to test 93 restaurants,' including all the original "discriminatory ones, half of the non-discriminatory ones in the original sample, and, in addition, 50 new ones." These restaurants today represent a range of prices from $1.37 to $4.77 as compared with $1.30 to $3.99 in 1950. The same techniques were used.

Teams found "a drop in discrimination to 16% of the restaurants tested as compared with 42% in 1950." The percentage has dropped in higher-priced places. "The behavior of other patrons toward minority teams continued as in the first survey, to be in large part either friendly or indifferent."

CCREM hopes "to end the remaining discrimination in the restaurants of this area and, hopefully, throughout [illegible] Manhattan, by further contact work and by help from minority groups in using the east midtown restaurants." The Committee, which is also planning a survey in "some aspects of discrimination in housing," wants volunteers and funds. Its address: 384 Fourth Av., N.Y.C.

NEW YORK CALENDAR

GUARDIAN THEATRE NIGHT, THURS., MAY 14, "World of Sholom Aleichem," with MORRIS CARNOVSKY, JACK GILFORD, ANN SHEPARD, WILL LEE, MARJORIE NELSON. Directed by HOWARD Da SILVA. English dramatization ARNOLD PERL. Costumes ALINE BERNSTEIN. Music SERGE HOVEY. Barbizon Plaza Theatre, 58 St.-6 Av. Tickets: $5.50, $4, $3. Call or write 17 Murray St., NYC. 7. WO 4-3960.

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SUNDAY FORUM presents a film and a forum on Steve Nelson's "The Volunteers," with speakers: Howard Fast, Joseph North, Milton Wolf and film: "The Spanish Earth," epic documentary on Loyalist struggle in Spain, on Sun., Apr. 5, 8:15 p.m. Refreshments served. Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Av. (cor. 16th St.) Contribution: $1.

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Natl. Guardian's **EUGENE GORDON** will discuss "Where Is Ike Leading Us?" Sat., Apr. 11, 8:30 p.m., at Ridgewood ALP, 55-39 Myrtle Av., Brooklyn (over clothing store). BMT Canarsie line, Myrtle Av. Station.

SCOTT NEARING WILL SPEAK Apr. 6 (Mon.) Davenport Theater, 138 E. 27th St., 8 p.m. **"THE NATURE OF FREEDOM."** Apr. 7 (Tues.), Community Church, 40 E. 35th St., 7 p.m. **"THE SCIENCE AND ART OF ECONOMICS"**; 8:30 p.m. **"THE CRUMBLING EMPIRES."**

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"AMERICAN EDUCATION UNDER FIRE"

2,000 rally to help embattled teachers

THE Teachers Union, under attack by the Board of Education and assorted Congressional and state legislative committees, held its 17th annual conference, "American Education Under Fire," at the Hotel Commodore last weekend and rallied 2,000 members and guests to its support.

TU legislative representative Rose Russell keynoted the conference in presenting the union's annual award to Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, 81, outstanding educator and former president of Amherst College. She chose two texts, the first from Meiklejohn himself:

"In the field of political opinion or expression we cannot commit a punishable crime for the reason that in that field the lawmakers have not authority to legislate a crime into existence."

The second was James Madison:

"The Bill of Rights is not a grant of privilege handed down to them [the people] by the government but rather it is a curb and restriction laid upon government by the people."

ASSEMBLYMAN GANS
of Brooklyn,an honored guest at the conference, talks to TU president Abraham Lederman.

THE CHARTER: In accepting the award for Meiklejohn who was prevented by illness from making the trip from California, Dr. Scott Buchanan of the Foundation for World Government stressed Meiklejohn's interpretation of the First Amendment as "not merely assurance of the right to speak and teach but the charter of free learning and teaching."

In his message to the conference, Dr. Meiklejohn said the teacher's function is "to stand before his pupils and before the community at large as the intellectual leader of his time. . . . If the leadership is taken from him . . . then the very foundations of the scheme of instruction are shaken."

DUNHAM'S LESSON: Another speaker was Barrows Dunham, chairman of the philosophy dept. of Philadelphia's Temple U., who was suspended last month after an encounter with the House Un-American Activities Committee. He refused to tell the committee anything but his name, date of birth, birthplace and residence. The committee voted to ask Congress to cite him for contempt.

He told the conference that he has "come to know happiness deeper and nobler than in previous years," knowing that he had done "what must be done." He said he learned in the last few weeks how right he was in teaching that "virtue comes before all things else, before money, before security and position."

RIGHT AND WRONG: B. Z. Goldberg, columnist for the **Day-Jewish Journal,** speaking at a forum on the destructive effects of the cold war and attacks on children's minds, said:

"How can your child think when he is kept from facing problems . . . most of the problems are kept out of the schoolroom . . . either by telling them that they do not exist, or that they are no good."

Miss Helen Schmitt, social studies teacher at Bay Ridge High School, cited "the beginning of tragedy" for a bright child. Asked why the Soviet Union is "undemocratic," the child replied that in its treatment of minorities it was democratic. She was graded wrong. Miss Schmitt said attacks have led to abandonment of the old American educational principle of examining both sides of an issue.

SCOTT BUCHANAN
He spoke for Meiklejohn

The conference throughout drew the battle lines not between the witch-hunters and the TU but between repression and education.

A new class of Americans

"The purge and the blacklist, that sentence of economic death, have created a class of American DP's—displaced professionals . . . a growing army of men and women driven from their means of livelihood, denied the right to do the work they can do—the work they love—banished from the field which they have enriched, or barred from the path at whose entrance they stand with youthful ardor, deprived of the joy of creation and the right to be heard by those who wish to hear, or the right to minister to those who want and need their services. Marked for economic strangulation and intellectual sterilization, they are but minor victims; the people, the whole American people, are the real target."

ROSE RUSSELL
TU legislative representative

Jansen tots up his purge score

NEW YORK Supt. of Schools William Jansen last week suggested that teachers prove their loyalty by joining a "definitely anti-Communist organization."

Testifying before a Senate Internal Security panel headed by Sen. Wm. E. Jenner (R-Ind.), Jansen was proud of his own purge technique: dismissing those who invoke the 5th Amendment; search for "false answers" in applications for positions; setting standards for teachers, including "love of children," "scholarship," and "high ethical standards which no real communist could meet."

He told Congressional investigators that protests against their invasion of the schools on academic freedom grounds were "nonsense." He tallied his score sheet—31 fired or forced to resign since 1950, 180 now under scrutiny—but was "by no means satisfied" with his own progress.

"COLOSSAL HYPOCRITE"? Jansen said he was out to preserve freedom by weeding out teachers who were part of an alleged international conspiracy to communize the world. The Teachers Union said that if reports were accurate, Jansen had "made false and misleading statements under oath" by implying that the teachers had been dismissed "on charges of communism." A union spokesman said:

"Actually, Dr. Jansen brought charges of membership in the Communist Party against only one of the 16 teachers. . . . The others were not charged with membership . . . and no testimony or witnesses to that effect were produced. Not one of them was charged with making false statements. The sole charge against the other 15 was "insubordination" for refusing to answer questions about political beliefs and associations.

"When educational and religious leaders all over the country are beginning to speak out . . . his statement that the heresy hunts conducted by them and by him have assisted rather than infringed upon the academic freedom of teachers and students reveals him to be either a consummate ignoramus or a colossal hypocrite."

WILLIAM JANSEN
Faster, faster, faster

McCracken for peace

"The Christian attitude is nothing if not conciliatory," said Dr. Robert T. McCracken, Pastor of the Riverside Church, New York City, in a recent sermon dealing with the Christian attitude toward Communism.

"If we rely only on military might, make no friendly advances, show no disposition to negotiate or cooperate; if we do not actively seek peace and promote goodwill, we have no moral right to think of ourselves as engaged in a crusade to which the name of 'Christian' can be attached."

McCarran's most dearly beloved

"Your Board of Education apparently operates on the theory of expediency. Consequently it is in the unique position of being the only board of education in the nation which has won the accolade of the McCarran Committee. Small wonder then that this is the board of education which has banned **The Nation**, banned the Teachers Union, banned courses in intercultural and interfaith relations, banned organizations on the Attorney General's list from meetings, and worst of all banned teachers who in its own decisions of dismissal may be found to be teachers of a high order of ability, with records of conspicuous accomplishment.

"It is expected that a board which would do this would persecute teachers because they protested in their communities against the wanton police slaying of a Negro citizen. Naturally, too, such a board would dismiss teachers who protest racist, anti-Negro, and anti-Semitic text books, but complacently protect and employ teachers like May Quinn, whose racism has caused wide concern in the Negro and Jewish communities. Such a board could be expected to dismiss teachers for exercising their Constitutional right not to be witnesses against themselves in respect to their political beliefs or affiliations."

Earl B. Dickerson, pres., Natl. Lawyers Guild, at Teachers Union's 17th Annual Conference, Mar. 28.

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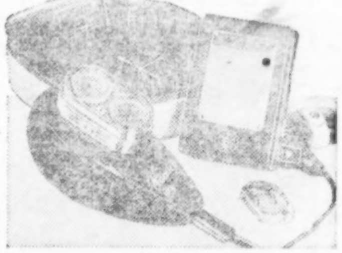

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